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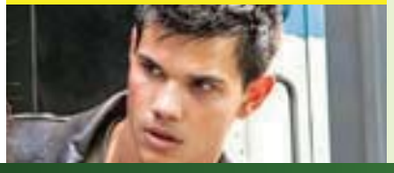

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Hockey. Pre-season

▶ Toronto Maple Leaf Colton Orr squares up to Philadelphia Flyer Tom Sestito during first-period pre-season NHL action at the Air Canada Centre last night.

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Toronto sports fans turn over new Leaf

Summer isn't quite over yet, but sports fans in Toronto already seem to have turned the page on another season. More people paid to attend a pre-season hockey game at the Air Canada Centre Monday night than one of the final baseball games of the Blue Jays' season. Despite falling a little shy of a sellout, the Leafs drew about 65 per cent more people than the Jays attracted to Rogers Centre down the street: 18,556 to 11,178. Sports fans in Toronto were faced with another choice last night when the Leafs hosted the Philadelphia Flyers at the Air Canada Centre while the Jays and Angels played the second game of their four-game series. For more Leafs coverage, see page 53.

Union versus union

Construction local said to be paying up to $12.5M to buy out staff who joined new unit

The continent's biggest construction local is spending more than $10 million to muscle out its own staff and their new union.

The Toronto-based Labourers' International Union of North America Local 183 is in the process of buying out about 80 staff with lucrative financial packages after they joined another union.

Several insiders say the move will effectively snuff out the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 2, which represents Local 183 staff, because replacement members won't have any allegiances and will eventually decertify it.

Staff representatives, co-ordinators and administrators at Local 183 signed SEIU Local 2 membership cards in June in what they described as "protection" from reprisals including possible firings after a bitter Local 183 board election that swept five incumbents out of office and put a new board in control. As a result, staffers felt vulnerable because they supported incumbents or received directions to campaign for them.

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Packages

▶ Two sources familiar with the terms of the settlement said individual buyouts or severance packages will range from $30,000 to more than $400,000 for a few veteran employees.

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Board rebuked for unfair Catholic 'trivia' quiz

Test questions

- **1. What happens at mass from beginning to end?**
- **2. At what part of mass does the congregation recite Our Father?**
- **3. Does the wafer represent the body of Jesus or is it the body of Jesus?**
- **4. What part of the Bible is the gospel read from?**
- Answers: 1) Introductory rites, liturgy of the Word, liturgy of the Eucharist and conclusion rites. 2) Liturgy of the Eucharist. 3) It is the body — this is called transubstantiation. 4) The New Testament.

Who was Jesus' grandmother?

For one Chinese man claiming refugee status for religious persecution, his fate with the Immigration and Refugee Board hung on his ability to answer that question — and at least a dozen more.

He failed the pop quiz and was denied refugee status.

(For those who weren't listening in Sunday school, the answer is Anne.)

Fortunately for him, the Federal Court has ruled that "trivia" cannot be used to determine religious devotion.

Mao Qin Wang, 26, will have his claim heard again because he was held to an "unreasonably high standard of religious knowledge" by board adjudicator Rose Andrachuk, according to the federal judgment.

Andrachuk, former chair and trustee of the Toronto Catholic District School Board, wrote in her decision that the "claimant is not and never was a genuine practising Roman Catholic."

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Mayor abandons his dream

Rob Ford will not seize Port Lands
Reaches a 'consensus' with council on how to move forward

Mayor Rob Ford and his councillor brother Doug have abandoned their dream of seizing the Port Lands from Waterfront Toronto and replacing neighbourhood-based development with glitzy attractions.

Faced with public uproar and a revolt among council allies, the Ford administration was forced to reach across political divisions and has reached what one councillor calls "a consensus, not a compromise," for council to vote on as early as today. Drafts of the agreement were still being worked on yesterday evening after intense negotiations this week.

It confirms Waterfront Toronto as the lead agency for development in the Port Lands, a source with knowledge of the discussions said.

It also calls on the agency, started with $500 million each from the city, provincial and federal governments, to accelerate construction of condos, parks, offices and retail that were to happen over 25 years.

But Waterfront Toronto is to also consider development input from other agencies including Toronto Port Lands Co., the city agency the Fords wanted to seize control of the eastern waterfront.

The deal between Ford allies, including councillors Peter Milczyn and Michael Thompson, and Ford foes including Paula Fletcher and Pam McConnell, includes a review of an ongoing environmental assessment of the flood protection plan that is expected to produce only "tweaks."

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▶ Mayor Rob Ford speaks to the media in his office Monday during a break in the core service review public submissions.

A new study finds no easy answer to the question of what becomes of a man's sex life after prostate-cancer treatment. Scan the code for the story.

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▶ Mississauga Coun. Bonnie Crombie poses at her home.

From Ottawa to Mississauga

Ex-MP and new Peel Region Coun. Bonnie Crombie discusses her priorities after byelection victory

Bonnie Crombie may be Mississauga's newest councillor but she is not new to politics. The former MP for the city won the byelection in Ward 5 on Monday. The Toronto Star talked to her about the Mississauga inquiry and her own aspirations.

After losing in your Mississauga riding in May's federal election, why did you choose to run municipally instead of provincially?
My heart is in retail politics. I think it's just what affects our lives most closely — it's about our day-to-day lives.

Mayor Hazel McCallion has said this — her 12th term — will be her last. Do you want to be the city's next mayor?
It's highly premature for me to consider that right now. We have had an absent councillor (current MP Eve Adams) who put her own ambitions ahead of the ward. Residents here have been abandoned and neglected for some time — they are my priority right now.

The judicial inquiry report on allegations the mayor exercised undue influence to promote a failed land deal involving her son comes out Oct. 3. Would you have voted to hold the inquiry?
I would not have voted for the inquiry. Council got a legal decision that there was no conflict of interest. I will be interested to hear what the findings are. I think we needed to get an integrity commissioner, perhaps we need a lobbying commissioner. I think those governance issues have been addressed.

What are the biggest issues facing the city?
The biggest concern is certainly our fiscal situation. We have to try to keep taxes low and the city debt-free. ... And employment creation.

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Police cleared in shooting

The Special Investigations Unit says York Regional Police officers were justified in the fatal shooting of a Thornhill man last month.

The officers found Kaveh Sabouri Tabatabaei, 49, and his estranged wife on the kitchen floor with multiple stab wounds in a residence at 90 Cottonwood Court on Aug. 1.

The woman was unconscious and Tabatabaei was holding a kitchen knife, stabbing himself and swinging it at the officers.

After numerous attempts to disarm Tabatabaei using non-lethal means to reach the woman, two of the officers shot Tabatabaei.

The woman was declared dead at the scene. Tabatabaei also died at the scene as a result of a gunshot wound to the heart.

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In search of a lawyer

Another court date has been set aside in Woodstock for a woman charged in a drunk-driving case.

Bonita Purtill, 46, told court yesterday she had yet to hire a new lawyer.

She is due back in court Oct. 17 to set a trial date on charges that include impaired driving causing death, in connection with the death of a five-month-old boy in October 2008.

So far, she has fired two lawyers. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Cancer claims Sick Kids ambassador

Even chemo couldn't keep 5-year-old Meaghan from class Research gave her extra 6 months, parents say

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▶ The parents of five-year-old cancer patient Meaghan McCarthy, Dean and Johanna McCarthy, pose with a photo from July of the young girl who lost her battle with the disease last week.

She went to school with no hair, with her arm in a cast and her leg in a brace. She arrived in class after chemotherapy, after radiation and daily doses of drugs.

Nothing could keep little Meaghan McCarthy away from school. Until this September when cancer made the five-year-old too sick to start senior kindergarten.

Meaghan died last Tuesday after a three-and-a-half-year fight with rhabdomyosarcoma, a fast-growing, rare form of cancer that attacks a child's soft tissues.

The only child of Dean and Johanna McCarthy, Meaghan was a patient ambassador for Sick Kids Hospital, serving as an example of children who can be helped by research.

In the final weeks of her life, the happy, energetic child was too weak to walk, say her parents, their east-end home filled with flowers from her standing-room-only funeral last Saturday.

A lump on her leg that didn't go away led to her diagnosis when she was 17 months old.

Over the years, she underwent chemotherapy, radiation, surgery and treatment for broken bones weakened by tumours and treatment.

Twist of fate

- In an sad twist of fate, Meaghan passed away just as fundraising letters with her story were arriving in the mailboxes of 70,000 potential donors.
- "She'll do everything in her power to try to make it to senior kindergarten this year — despite a weekly bout of chemotherapy and a daily dose of anti-rejection drugs," read the letter from the Sick Kids Foundation.

But in junior kindergarten last year, "she just went to school no matter what," recalls Johanna. "She went straight from chemo to school with just half an hour to spare some days."

Always cheerful, never complaining, Meaghan knew she had cancer, says Dean. "It wasn't the nasty c-word, it was part of life. Her spirit, smiles, giggles — her attitude was everything."

School meant "normalcy" for the youngster who loved arts and crafts — glitter glue her specialty. "She was with other kids and learning," he says.

Meaghan was also teaching her classmates. One day she took her coloured bravery beads for show-and-tell, explaining that each one was a reward for a medical procedure or hospital visit. She had beads for blood work, beads for chemo, beads for transfusions, beads for hair loss, beads for sutures. She had enough for a dozen necklaces.

"There wasn't a dry eye in the class," says Dean, adding other children showed her "love and compassion and acceptance."

A Grade 1 student from another school who heard about Meaghan sent her a certificate of courage he had made.

Despite grief that is still fresh, the McCarthys are telling Meaghan's story out of hope and gratitude.

Researchers gave her an extra five or six good months with experimental drugs, Dean believes. Perhaps a cure or new treatment for other children will be next.

It would be Meaghan's legacy. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Air and Space Museum to become ice rink

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▶ Lancaster Bomber volunteers gather their tools as Canadian Air and Space Museum was served with an eviction notice.

HANDOUT

▶ A rendering of the new four-pad ice rink that will be built at the site of the Canadian Air and Space Museum.

It's bad news for history buffs that could be good news for Toronto hockey players.

Canadian Air and Space Museum is being kicked out of its Downsview Park home to make way for a four-pad ice rink.

Volunteers at the historic property were thrown into a state of panic yesterday when the museum was served an eviction notice and workers arrived to change the locks.

"I'm distraught. I'm ready to cry," museum CEO Robert Cohen said. "I can't leave this place. I'm camping here. They're gonna have to throw me out."

The struggling museum owes property owner Downsview Park $100,000 in past due rent. Still, the eviction shocked volunteers, who say they were on the verge of turning things around after a bout of bad luck that included a failed fundraising campaign and mass management changes.

Yesterday afternoon, they emptied the building of its artifacts — including a full-scale replica of the legendary Avro Arrow fighter jet — and prepared to vacate the property they have occupied for 12 years.

Staff members were under the impression they had to be out by the end of the day, but Downsview told the Toronto Star that tenants will have up to six months to vacate.

"I can't comment on other people's interpretations (of the notice)," said Downsview Park board chair David Soknacki. "We would welcome them in to have a discussion about their future."

Soknacki said the change comes in part because the museum wasn't drawing enough people to Downsview Park, the 672-acre site of a former military base.

Volunteers transformed it from a bare hanger into a warehouse filled with model airplanes ranging from the size of a fist to full-scale replicas.

"We were hoping things would turn around," said volunteer Campbell Young, 74. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

New skating rink

The new arena, which will be used for skating and hockey, is scheduled to open in September 2013.

- The privately operated rink will run some city ice programs and offer 240 hours per year of community programs.
- This could prove to be good news for skaters and hockey players benched by Toronto's ice shortage.

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Leaders harvest Ontario's farm vote

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▶ Ontario Liberal Leader Dalton McGuinty.

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▶ Ontario Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak.

Candidates for premier face off in plowing contest
International Plowing Match a must-attend event for politicians

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With just over two weeks before election day, Ontario's political leaders jumped off their campaign buses and hopped onto tractors yesterday to court the farm vote at the International Plowing Match.

About 90,000 people are expected to attend the five-day event, which rotates around the province and this year is being held in a 40-hectare farmer's field at Chute-a-Blondeau near Hawkesbury on the Ontario-Quebec border.

The plowing match becomes a virtual one-stop shopping point for politicians to show their interest in agricultural issues, and is a must-attend event for them even in non-election years.

The province's new risk management programs should help convince farmers to re-elect a Liberal government, Premier Dalton McGuinty said before facing off against his political opponents in trying to plow a straight furrow.

The Progressive Conservatives are offering what they say is a better and more comprehensive business risk management program than the one introduced by the Liberals. Rookie PC Leader Tim Hudak promised a robust program for commodities that aren't supply managed, but did not provide details.

The New Democrats expressed concerns that Ontario imports $4 billion more in food products than it exports each year, but said the greater "threat" the province faces is keeping young people on the farm.

The Liberals have faced opposition to giant wind turbines in some rural parts of the province, with McGuinty acknowledging the controversy, but countering by saying many farmers hope to earn extra cash by applying for their own green energy projects.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture said a survey of the 44,000 farm businesses in the province found their top issues in the campaign to be energy, environmental stewardship, risk management, rural infrastructure and reduced regulations.

McGuinty, Hudak, Horwath and Green Leader Mike Schreiner all took part in the opening parade yesterday morning before climbing on to tractors — all in the appropriate party colours — for the actual plowing match. No winner was declared.

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▶ Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwath.

McGuinty ups attack

- A Tory trifecta would be disastrous for health care and other public services in Ontario, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday, as he ramped up his attacks against his main rival.
- McGuinty also brought up a favourite bogeyman — former Tory premier Mike Harris.

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Israeli PM wants meeting with Abbas

Palestinians edge closer to seeking statehood recognition from the UN

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas pressed ahead with his campaign for statehood before the UN despite frantic U.S. efforts yesterday to forge a diplomatic solution that would avoid a charged vote before the Security Council.

Abbas met in New York yesterday with French President Nicolas Sarkozy as he sought support ahead of his General Assembly speech on Friday, when he has vowed to formally request UN membership. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called for Abbas to meet with him.

Envoys of the Quartet of Mideast mediators — the U.S., the UN, the European Union and Russia — planned to meet again yesterday in an effort to avert a showdown over Palestinian statehood by crafting a way forward that would be enough to persuade the Palestinians to drop their bid and have enough caveats for Israel to get its support. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israeli warning

- Israeli officials say that by going to the UN, the Palestinians are violating a pledge to resolve disagreements through negotiations.
- Benjamin Netanyahu warned the international community against prematurely establishing a Palestinian state when many issues in the conflict remain unresolved.
- The Israeli PM did not elaborate, saying this would be the focus of his UN speech on Friday.

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▶ Palestinians throw stones towards Jewish settlers and Israeli soldiers, not seen, in the West Bank village of Assira al-Kibliya, yesterday, a day after Palestinian officials said settlers burned dozens of acres of agricultural land and cut down several hundred olive, fig and almond trees.

Europe must vote no, Jewish leader says

A European Jewish leader said yesterday that the continent must oppose any UN Security Council resolution that would recognize a Palestinian state and admit it as a member — not only for Israel's sake, but also for Europe's own safety.

"There are a lot of radical elements in Europe, in every country, which can be like dynamite, and this recognition could be like a trigger for this dynamite," Moshe Kantor, President of the European Jewish Congress told the Associated Press in Brussels.

He said he was referring primarily to Islamist radicals, but also to others, including right-wing radicals.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas is pressing ahead with his diplomatic campaign to gain full membership in the UN. The United States has said it will veto any such resolution in the Security Council.

Four EU countries are currently members of the Security Council — Britain and France, both of which are permanent members with veto power, and Germany and Portugal, which are temporary members.

Kantor said admitting a Palestinian state would violate UN law, which requires that any member have clearly defined borders and be at harmony with its neighbours.

"All the letters we received (were) absolutely united by one idea: No recognition without negotiations with Israel."

MOSHE KANTOR, PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN JEWISH CONGRESS, ON THE LETTERS HE SAID HIS ORGANIZATION EXCHANGED WITH LEADERS OF MORE THAN 15 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

Most European countries are not saying how they would vote if such a resolution came up, and instead appear focused on trying to dissuade the Palestinians from requesting one.

Maja Kocijancic, a spokeswoman for EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton, said yesterday that officials were still working to develop a unified EU position.

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▶ Young Israelis hold up the national flag in the West Bank, yesterday.

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▶ A Pakistani Shiite Muslim holds a grieving young man at a hospital yesterday following an attack by gunmen.

Muslim pilgrims shot

Worshippers usually offered protection while travelling in Pakistan

Suspected Sunni extremists opened fire on Shiite Muslim pilgrims travelling by bus through southwest Pakistan yesterday, on their way to Iran, killing 26 people, officials and survivors said.

Sunni militants with ideological and operational links to al-Qaida and the Taliban have carried out scores of bombings and shootings against Shiites in recent years, but this attack was especially bloody.

At least eight attackers in a pickup truck blocked the path of the bus and forced the passengers off. The passengers tried to run away, but the gunmen opened fire.

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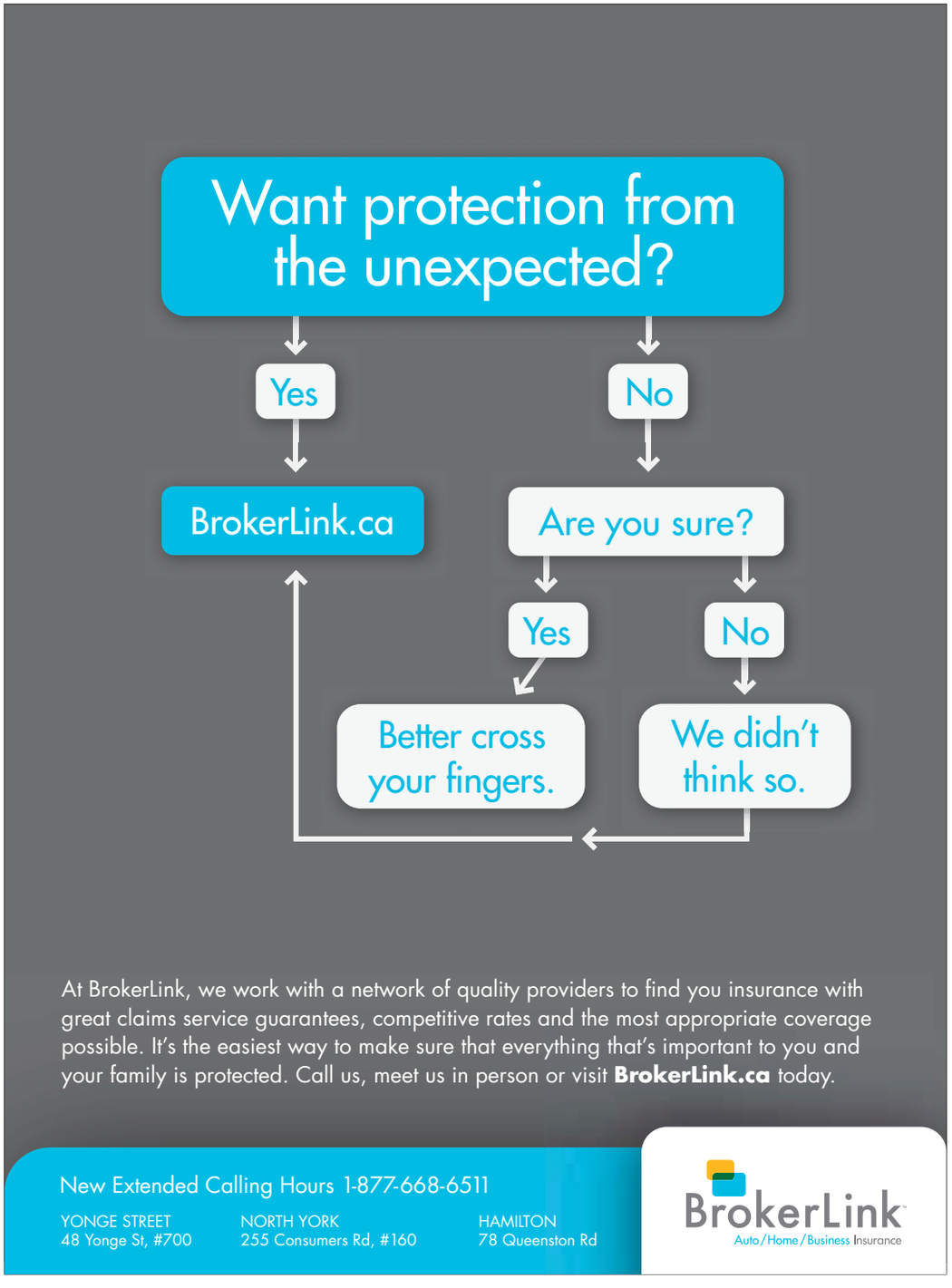

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British police drop demand for sources

London's police force said yesterday it was dropping a demand that The Guardian newspaper reveal the confidential sources for its stories about Britain's phone-hacking scandal.

The Metropolitan Police said that after taking legal advice it "has decided not to pursue, at this time, the application for production orders" against the paper. The case had been due to go to court on Friday.

The Guardian has been at the forefront of reporting on the hacking scandal, running stories that exposed the Rupert Murdoch-owned News of the World tabloid for routinely intercepting the voicemails of politicians, celebrities and even crime victims in its quest for scoops.

The stories in question included a July 4 article that revealed the News of the World had hacked into the voicemail messages of missing British schoolgirl Milly Dowler, who was later found murdered.

That revelation horrified Britain, and sparked the still-unfolding scandal. Already, the 168-year-old newspaper has been shut and several top executives from Murdoch's News Corp. have been ousted.

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▶ Oil was still visible in Louisiana marshes in July.

Gulf oil remains a problem for U.S. beaches

Researchers say tar balls washed on to Gulf of Mexico beaches recently prove that oil left over from last year's BP spill isn't breaking down as quickly as some assume.

Auburn University says the tar that hit Alabama beaches earlier this month appeared relatively fresh and unchanged from when oil first poured into the Gulf during the spill.

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News in brief

Doors open for gay recruits

WASHINGTON. The U.S. military is now allowing gays to serve openly in uniform. Some still oppose the change, but Pentagon leaders say it will not undermine the military's ability to recruit or to fight wars.

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Injuries up in Afghanistan

AFGHANISTAN. A new report says there has been a dramatic increase in the number of severe injuries among U.S. troops in Afghanistan. They include amputations and genital injuries.

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Tories roll out new bill

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▶ Minister of Justice Rob Nicholson

Legislation touches on drugs, refugees, parolees and terrorism

The Conservative government dismissed the cost to taxpayers and the direction of crime trends yesterday as it introduced sweeping new criminal-justice changes it says will make Canadians feel safer.

"We're not governing on the basis of the latest statistics," Justice Minister Rob Nicholson said at a news conference in suburban Brampton.

"We're governing on the basis of what's right to better protect victims and law-abiding Canadians."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has moved to make good on an election promise to bundle a series of proposed measures as part of his self-described "tough-on-crime" agenda.

The government won praise from victims'-rights groups but critics say the measures are hugely costly and have been proven ineffective — or worse — over three decades of increasingly draconian "tough-on-crime" campaigns in the United States.

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"The only good-news statistic that we've seen in the last while is that the crime rate is actually going down."

BOB RAE, INTERIM LIBERAL LEADER

Flaherty defends $19M consultant

Deloitte hired to advise government on productivity and efficiency Conservatives call contract 'normal'

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▶ Jim Flaherty says Ottawa needs outside advice.

The Harper government defended paying almost $90,000 a day to a big consulting firm for advice on how to save money, saying it can't do the job properly by itself.

"The fact is that we feel we need to have outside advice," Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said yesterday.

"It isn't good, quite frankly, for a government to just look at itself. There's a lot of expertise in Canada on the subject of public-sector productivity, for example, and we look forward to having the advice of, in this case, Deloitte's."

The Canadian Press earlier reported that Deloitte Inc. was hired on Aug. 15 on a $19.8-million contract to advise the federal cabinet and senior officials on finding enough savings to balance the books by 2014.

Opposition MPs dismissed the government's justifications.

"They are spending $90,000 a day for an outside consultant to plan cuts — and that is their explanation," New Democrat Jean Crowder said in the House of Commons. "Canadians will not buy it.

"A day's pay for this consultant is more than a year's pay for front-line Service Canada workers. While Conservatives throw money away on high-priced consultants, they are forcing Canadians to accept cuts to the programs and services that they rely on."

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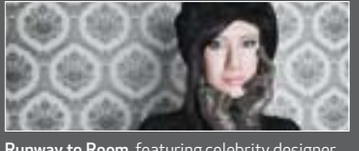

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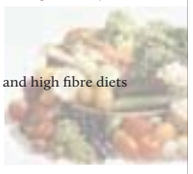

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Sucker punch steals the show

Russian tycoon hits out — literally — in TV debate on financial crisis ◗ He deserved it, says Lebedev

A Russian tycoon has punched a fellow billionaire on a television panel show after a discussion on the financial crisis degenerated into petty name-calling.

Alexander Lebedev, a former KGB operative and owner of two major newspapers in Britain, wrote on his blog that property developer Sergei Polonsky had earned the clobbering by behaving abusively throughout the recording of the program.

In a preview clip posted on the NTV channel's website before the show airing Sunday evening, Polonsky is seen saying that he sometimes felt like "bashing (Lebedev) in the face," prompting the newspaper owner to jump to his feet.

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▶ Alexander Lebedev

After sitting back down, Lebedev then swiftly delivered a sucker punch, sending Polonsky tumbling to the ground.

The clip then shows Lebedev squaring up to a stunned Polonsky as the presenter puts himself between the two men.

Writing on his blog, Lebedev displayed no sign of contrition.

"Unfortunately, NTV viewers cannot see how Polonsky behaved during the one-and-a-half hour recording. Everybody could see that he was absolutely off his head," Lebedev wrote.

Punch-ups and heated exchanges between guests are a common on Russian political discussion shows.

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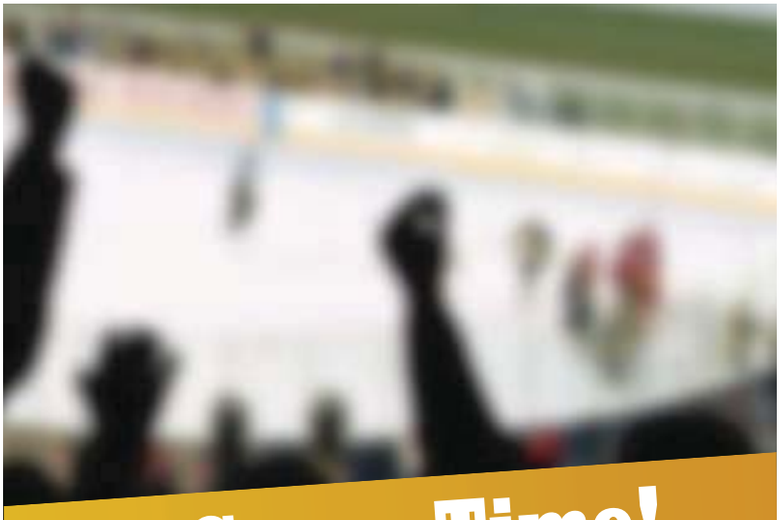

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Scientists' trial begins

Defendants accused of giving misleading info before Italy quake 6.3-magnitude temblor killed 308 people

Seven scientists and other experts went on trial on manslaughter charges yesterday for allegedly failing to sufficiently warn residents before a devastating 2009 earthquake that killed more than 300 people in central Italy.

The case is being closely watched by seismologists around the globe who insist it's impossible to predict earthquakes and dangerous to suggest otherwise, since seismologists will be discouraged from issuing any advice at all if they fear legal retaliation.

Last year, about 5,200 international researchers signed a petition supporting their Italian colleagues. The Seismological Society of America wrote to Italy's president expressing concern about what it called an unprecedented legal attack on science.

The defendants are accused of giving "inexact, incomplete and contradictory information" about whether smaller tremors felt by L'Aquila residents in the six months before the quake should have constituted grounds for a quake warning. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi and U.S. President Barack Obama look at the damaged Palazzo del Governo, destroyed by an April 2009 earthquake in L'Aquila, during the G8 summit in July 2009.

Correction Notice. Updated information on Advance Poll locations for the 2011 General Election.

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Georgia death row inmate loses appeal for clemency

Troy Davis scheduled to die today at 7 p.m. despite pleas from celebrities

Georgia's board of pardons rejected a last-ditch clemency bid from Troy Davis yesterday, one day before his scheduled execution, despite support from figures including an ex-president and a former FBI director for the claim that he was wrongly convicted of killing a police officer in 1989.

Davis is scheduled to die today by injection for killing off-duty Savannah officer Mark MacPhail, who was shot dead while rushing to help a homeless man being attacked. It is the fourth time in four years that Davis' execution has been scheduled.

"Justice was finally served for my father," said Mark MacPhail Jr., who was an infant when his father was gunned down. "The truth was finally heard."

The decision appeared to leave Davis with little chance of avoiding his execution date. Defence attorney Jason Ewart has said that the pardons board was likely Davis' last option, but he didn't rule out filing another legal appeal.

His supporters said they will push the pardons board to reconsider the case and urge prison workers to strike or call in sick today to prevent Davis' execution. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Activists hold Amnesty International placards reading "Troy Davis, there is still time to stay his execution" during a demonstration in Paris on Friday.

An Important Notice Regarding Your Personal Health Information

This notice is being issued to help people with diabetes or at risk of having diabetes decide whether or not they want to consent to having their personal health information shared in the Diabetes Registry and the Diabetes Testing Report.

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) is working to help individuals better manage their diabetes and their diabetes care. As part of this effort, eHealth Ontario is creating and will be operating a Diabetes Registry to give health care providers the ability to easily check patient records, access diagnostic information, receive patient alerts, and track the care a patient with diabetes receives. The implementation of the Diabetes Registry is a first step towards achieving a province-wide Electronic Health Record for eligible Ontarians.

The MOHLTC currently uses the paper-based Diabetes Testing Report to keep your primary care provider (physician or nurse practitioner in a Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic) informed of when you last had the following three key tests that people living with diabetes should receive on a regular basis:

- the HbA1C blood glucose control test, which patients should receive at least every six months
- the LDL-C cholesterol test, which patients should receive approximately every year
- a retinal eye exam, which patients should receive at least every two years

In order to create the Diabetes Testing Report, your primary care provider shares personal health information, including your name, OHIP number, and date of birth with the MOHLTC. He or she will also confirm whether you have diabetes. In response, the MOHLTC will share the most recent date for each of the three key tests with your primary care provider.

Starting in Fall 2011, eHealth Ontario will begin operating the Diabetes Registry and other Electronic Health Record applications to permit health care providers to access your name, OHIP number, date of birth, and clinical information such as procedure dates and test results, in real time, when they are providing you with health care. The MOHLTC will continue to send Diabetes Testing Reports to primary care providers until they transition to the Diabetes Registry.

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Times Atlas slips on Greenland ice

- Estimate of loss 10 times too large, glaciologist says
- Erosion over the last eight years is 0.1% of ice sheet

The publisher of the once sacrosanct Times Atlas of the World was forced yesterday to apologize twice for inaccurately erasing vast tracts of Greenland ice in its glossy new edition.

In its publicity to announce the new edition last Thursday, publisher HarperCollins trumpeted Greenland's loss of "around 15 per cent of its permanent ice cover" showing maps with large tracts of land in brown, as evidence of drastic environmental change and its own cutting-edge excellence.

On Monday, a spokeswoman for the publisher was saying the venerable Times Atlas was "the best

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▶ An iceberg floats by the Greenland shoreline.

there is. Our data show it has reduced by 15 per cent. That's categorical."

Yesterday, the atlas pulled its how-we-do-it video from YouTube and issued a clarification that the media release was wrong, but the map was accurate.

Atlas editors had compared the 1999 edition and the current edition "without consulting the scientific community," the Harper Collins clarification said.

A few hours later, Atlas editor Jethro Lennox told Toronto Star in an email that the white on the Greenland map represents "the permanent ice cap and is not intended to show snow cover or glacier ice."

Still calling itself the most authentic and comprehensive atlas in the world, Times Atlas said its Greenland map "as far as we are aware shows an accurate representation of the ice cap," Lennox said. He did not address the issue of the newly browned-out parts of the maps.

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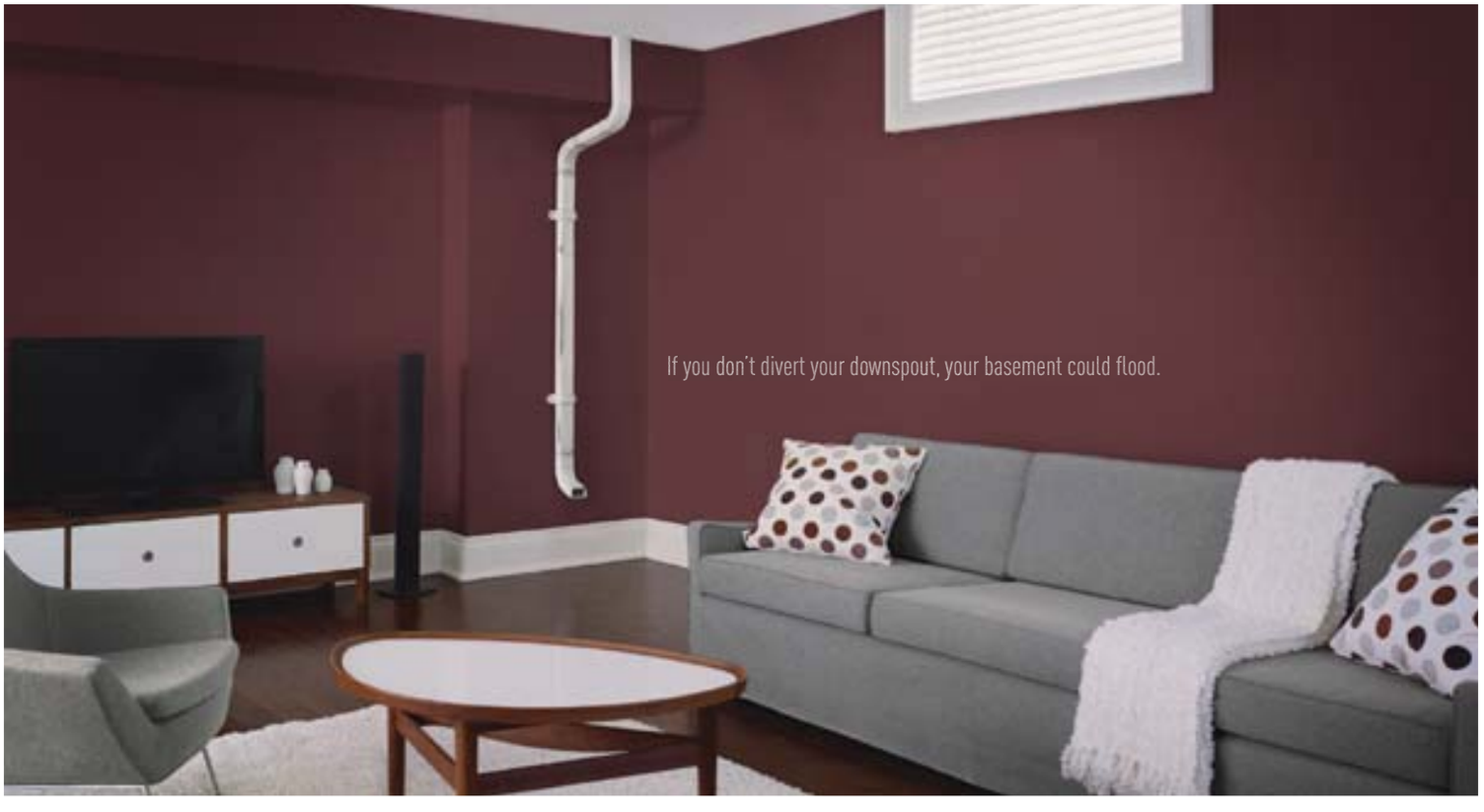

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▶ Peta protesters Kate Steen, left, and Emily Lavender demonstrate at Yonge-Dundas Square in Toronto earlier this year.

PETA plans porn site

Website will have graphic videos, photos Group has used porn stars, nudity in past to get message out

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals plans to create a pornographic website to promote its animal rights and vegan-diet message.

PETA spokeswoman Lindsay Rajt said in a telephone interview from Los Angeles yesterday that the Norfolk, Va.,-based group has applied with ICM Registry to launch the website peta.xxx.

Rajt says the website will feature graphic videos and photographs. She noted that PETA has used porn stars and nudity to get its message across in the past. She says a pornographic site will allow PETA to reach a broader audience and that publicity about the site is just as important as the site itself.

Rajt says November is the earliest that PETA could receive approval for the site, which was first reported by The Virginian-Pilot in Norfolk.

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In college and on summer break. I'd just bought a brand new Honda - those were the days when you met "the nicest people on a Honda". I never told my folks I had a bike. Back then hordes of kids hit the road each summer and hitchhiked across the country. I was not going to be the exception but for the fact that I intended to ride my bike from Montreal to Ucluelet BC – I wanted to see the Nanaimo bathtub races, ride through the Rockies, tough it out as I crossed the Prairies and more, camping along the way. I left Montreal on a hot July morning – my parents thought I was going to be taking the train to Toronto – but I'd secreted my bike near the station. I spent eight weeks camping, exploring, staying in youth hostels and working at odd jobs to earn expense money while making my way across the country. I met great people, saw every inch of the westward Trans-Canada Highway, saw wildlife and met aboriginals, stayed on the nude beach at Wreck Bay and had the time of my life as I explored the nooks and crannies of our great country. Some of my very fondest memories are of the sights and sounds from almost every corner of Canada and to this day I ride motorcycles and try to take a summer road trip, carrying on the tradition I started some 39 years ago.

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Green-energy movement needs funding: Clinton

Delegate worries economic woes may be overshadowing need for action

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▶ Former U.S. president Bill Clinton addresses the audience at the seventh annual meeting of the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) yesterday in New York City.

Former U.S. president Bill Clinton said yesterday success of the alternative-energy movement is hampered by a lack of financing.

Pointing to Germany's successful creation of solar-energy jobs as a model for other nations to emulate, Clinton said the main issue with green energy is a lack of proper funding.

His comments came as world leaders attending the Clinton Global Initiative expressed fears about rising seas at his annual philanthropic conference.

There was a sense of frustration among the world leaders at Clinton's three-day summit for high-profile donors with deep pockets over the failure to create a legally binding world agreement on carbon emissions.

Rising seas are a matter of life and death for small island nations, said South African President Jacob Zuma. "Not theoretical, not in the future, now," he said.

Sheikh Hasina, prime minister of Bangladesh, said rising seas would submerge one-fifth of her country, displacing more than 30 million people.

Clinton said the countries most likely to be affected by climate change are places that are inland and hot — such as Mali in western Africa.

"A few years ago, after the south Asian tsunami, I spent a lot of time in the Maldives," Clinton said. "I think it's quite possible that the Maldives won't be here in 30 or 40 years."

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Greece tries to placate creditors

Greek authorities, in a bid to prevent a potentially disastrous default, tried yesterday to convince international creditors that their debt-ridden country will meet the strict budget targets required to keep getting rescue loans.

Markets are fairly hopeful that Greece will receive the next €8 billion ($11 billion) instalment of its bailout, without which the country would go bankrupt next month, plunging Europe's banking system into turmoil. A decision on whether to disburse the funds will not be made until early October.

Most analysts think the country will have to restructure its debts, especially if the economy remains mired in recession. Fitch Ratings said yesterday that it expected Greece to eventually default, but to do so while remaining in the eurozone.

However, some experts believe the country will have to drop out of the 17-nation euro.

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WALMART CANADA

Testing small-store format

Walmart Canada's chief executive says the discount retailer will announce in the coming days which of 39 former Zellers locations it will buy from rival Target.

Walmart Canada CEO David Cheesewright says he's not concerned that the locations have been passed over by Target, which is acquiring 220 Zellers leases

Cheesewright says Walmart will focus on sites where it doesn't have a nearby store.

It is also opening a trial small-store location in the Scarborough area to test whether city shoppers will visit a smaller-format Walmart store.

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Canadians cut cord on land lines

A new study suggests more Canadians are replacing their landline telephones with cellphones because it's cheaper to go wireless.

The Convergence Consulting Group says that by the end of this year, 15 per cent of Canadians — or about one in seven households — will have only wireless phone service. In 2009 just nine per cent of households had cut the cord and ditched their land line.

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▶ Air Canada employees rally on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday.

Air Canada reaches deal

Details of deal to be released after vote with flight attendants is held
Airline was making plans to continue flying if a strike had occurred

Air Canada has reached a tentative contract deal with the union for its flight attendants, averting a possible strike that would have disrupted operations at Canada's biggest airline.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees said yesterday it is recommending Air Canada's 6,800 flight attendants accept the deal.

"It's business as usual and customers can continue to make their travel plans on Air Canada with confidence," Susan Welscheid, Air Canada's senior vice-president of customer service said.

In August, the Air Canada flight attendants had resoundingly rejected a tentative deal CUPE negotiated with the airline, forcing the two sides back to the drawing board. The key areas of dispute were wages, pensions, crew rest, working conditions and work rules.

CUPE said it will hold meetings of its membership in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto and Montreal over the next week.

A strike deadline had been set for just after midnight today, though federal Labour Minister Lisa Raitt had warned she would introduce back-to-work legislation.

Minutes after the deal was announced, Labour Minister Lisa Raitt called on union members to ratify the agreement.

"The objective of the legislation that we put on notice yesterday has been achieved and we are so very pleased that air service for Canadians will be protected," she said.

A walkout in June by the airline's customer-service agents lasted just three days before a deal was reached under a threat by Raitt that she would legislate them back to work.

The Air Canada deal was announced soon after the two sides resumed face-to-face talks and hours after they broke off negotiations.

It prompted Air Canada's shares to soar more than six per cent, gaining 10 cents to $1.69 in afternoon trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

The union held rallies at Parliament Hill in Ottawa and other locations. Sal Occhiuzzi, 54, a flight attendant for 31 years, said workers just wanted a fair deal that will allow them to recover some of the money lost in the last decade.

"We helped the company out when things were tough and we all gave a lot and it's time for the company to give a bit back," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tims truly exports itself

Tim Hortons' new Dubai location represents "the first true export of the brand," CEO Paul House said yesterday, but even after the outlet opened its doors to crowds of Canadian expatriates Saturday, the chain is not rushing toward a global presence.

"It's a historic moment," House said.

Though the chain has already opened extensive operations in the U.S., self-serve kiosks in the U.K., and a temporary location at the Kandahar Airfield in Afghanistan, this store is its first full-serve restaurant outside of North America.

The menu in Dubai is the same as at home, and although Dubai is a "mature" coffee market, Tims sees opportunity in its value-priced food options not readily available in the region, House said.

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TECHNOLOGY

Future car drives itself

It can talk, see, drive and no longer needs a human being to control it by remote. The car of the future — completely computer-controlled — is on the streets of Berlin.

All summer, researchers from the city's Free University have been testing the automobile.

The vehicle manoeuvres through traffic on its own using a sophisticated combination of devices, including a computer, electronics and a precision satellite-navigation system in the trunk, a camera in the front, and laser scanners on the roof and around the front and rear bumpers.

"The vehicle can recognize other cars on the road, pedestrians, buildings and trees up to 70 metres around it and even see if the traffic lights ahead are red or green and react accordingly," explained Raul Rojas, the head of the university's research group for artificial intelligence.

The scientists have worked on their research car, a Volkswagen Passat worth $551,800 US with lots of built-in special technology, for four years.

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Governments 'must act swiftly': Bank of Canada

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney is issuing a call to action to governments and laying partial blame on their ineffectual responses so far for taking the world to the precipice of a new recession.

In a hard-hitting speech to a business crowd in Saint John, N.B., Carney said yesterday the combination of sovereign debt worries and bad politics have sapped investor confidence.

"The combination of high debt loads and unpredictable politics is toxic," he said.

The no-nonsense language, highlights the importance Carney gives to the upcoming meetings of the G20 finance ministers and International Monetary Fund later this week. But it also underscores the gravity of the situation as he sees it.

Europe's fiscal and debt problems are serious but fixable, but governments must act swiftly to fix them, he said. He said the U.S. is not doomed to suffer another recession, but the risks have clearly risen and squabbling politicians are making matters worse.

While these problems — and solutions — lie mostly outside Canada, Carney said that the Canadian economy will not skirt by unscathed. The economy is being damaged through a tightening of financial conditions and a slowdown in growth, particularly within the export sector.

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Projections

- IMF projected growth for this year to be 2.1 per cent, while downgrading economic expectations for much of Europe and the United States.
- Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney says if a new shock occurs, the Bank of Canada has the tools to boost our economy.

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Redheads are special.

I know. I've been married to one for 33 years come Oct. 6. They're fiery, fierce, funny and fantastic. The air crackles as they walk down the street. Some even come with an added bonus: freckles. I defy anyone to resist the charms of a fat-faced, green-eyed, red-headed moppet adorned with freckles.

It can't be done.

So what's with the world's largest sperm bank, the Danish firm of Cryos International, turning red-headed donors away? Apparently the demand for green-eyed red-headed moppets adorned with freckles has dropped off, except in Ireland, where red-headed sperm sells like hotcakes according to the director, some guy named Ole (not to be confused with Olé, which ain't Danish).

The Irish breed as many redheads as four-leaf clovers, but there are also up to 18 million redheads in the U.S.A., and Scotland is the epicentre, where 13 per cent of the population sports a carrot top. But as the petri dish becomes the next cradle of humanity and people can choose their hue, redheads are in danger of being engulfed in a colour-biased wave of brown, black and blond.

"Red-headed babies have an immediate high profile. It's impossible for them to blend in, to become part of the faceless crowd, as they shine like a copper star wherever they go. Most parents are inherently conservative. They don't want to raise kids who stand out just by standing there."

The problem is obvious. Red-headed babies have an immediate high profile. It's impossible for them to blend in, to become part of the faceless crowd, as they shine like a copper star wherever they go. Most parents are inherently conservative. They don't want to raise kids who stand out just by standing there.

Why else would you name your kid Madison? Because all the others kids are called Madison.

You can't call a redhead Madison. That's a brunette name. A redhead is called Fergie, or maybe Gus. And definitely Colleen.

Take it from me. As you can tell from the photo that accompanies this column, I should be considered completely neutral on matters of hair. I'd be happy to have some, period. I dimly remember having brown hair, which clogged the drain for a few years before making an early exit. I think I'm what they call Black Irish, which is ridiculous as 99 per cent of me is pink, especially with prolonged exposure to the sun. Most redheads aren't so good in the sunlight either, as they don't need the competition.

We simply can't allow redheads to be eclipsed by reproductive science (talk about an oxymoron). We should all join the Red Headed League: Redheads of the world unite! It's time to stick up for the right to stick out.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

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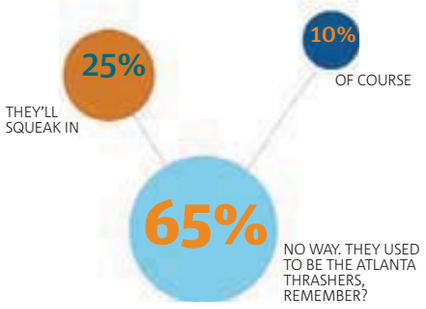

Local tweets

We asked: What does 2031 look like to you?

- **@AltheWhite:** #metrofuture 2031. #Leafs playoff drought now longer than avg Americans' life expectancy. #help
- **@QueenofGhetto:** #metrofuture looks scary & hairy. 2031: I'll be in full scale menopause and my yet to be born kids on the brink of greatness!
- **@miccaliciousss:** I fear the future yet hope for the best. I want humans to move forward and make the right decisions for this Earth. #metrofuture go green
- **@kevinmcdougald:** North America will feel distinctly insecure in 2031 as Asia takes over as the world's most important continent. #metrofuture
- **@drcru:** In 2031, George Lucas 2.0 has just released a new version of the Star Wars Boxset. The entire cast has been replaced with CG. #metrofuture
- **@ahhlisseeeahh:** like the jestsons #metrofuture
- **@PapaPlumbing:** #metrofuture ours is to have a clean shoreline

Worth mentioning

AVATAR. The Walt Disney Co. said yesterday it has agreed on an exclusive deal to build attractions based on James Cameron's Avatar at its theme parks, starting with its Animal Kingdom park in Orlando, Fla.

Construction is set to begin in 2013 and is expected to be finished about three years after that.

The Avatar attraction is to be an immersive land spanning several acres and will cost less than half of the estimated $1 billion US it cost to expand Disney California Adventure Park, or around $400 million US.

CEO Bob Iger made the announcement at a news conference yesterday.

Cameron, who is working on the second and third instalments of the top-grossing film of all time, said the attractions would be a way to bring the lush world of Pandora to life, and would include animatronics and potential multimedia shows that use 3-D and holographic technology.

"This is a pretty darned exciting project," Cameron told reporters.

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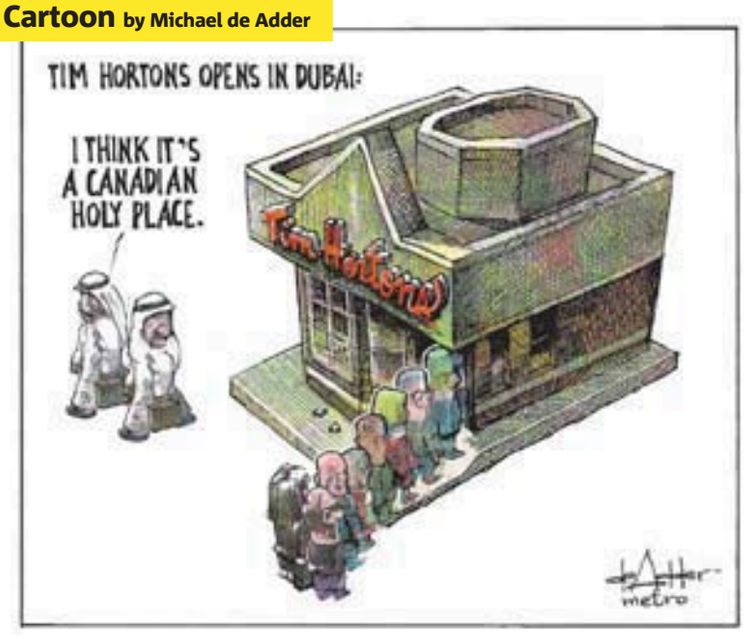

WEIRD NEWS

Something missing in the stands ... oh yeah, men

Turkey has come up with a radical solution for tackling crowd violence at football matches: Ban the men and let only women and children in.

Under new rules approved by Turkey's football association, only women and children under the age of 12 will be admitted to watch games — for free — involving teams which have been sanctioned for unruly behaviour by their fans.

Yesterday, women formed long lines around Fenerbahce's Sukru Saracoglu stadium.

The game kicked off with Fenerbahce and Manisaspor players hurling flowers at the spectators. The visiting team was greeted with applause, instead of the usual jeering.

Fenerbahce was sanctioned by the association in July following trouble by fans who also attacked journalists for what they regarded as critical coverage of a match-fixing probe that involves the league champion.

Fenerbahce president Aziz Yildirim is among 30 suspects detained in the case.

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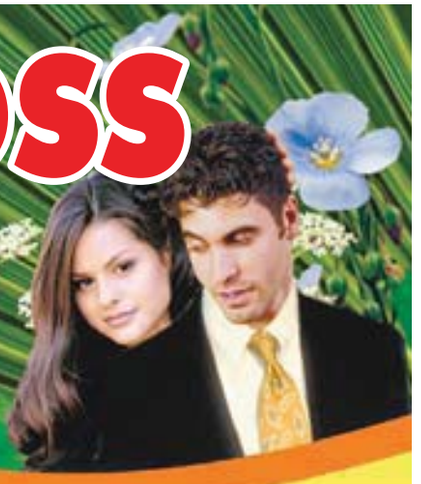

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Taylor Lautner looks to shed his werewolf image with his first solo project
The teen heartthrob promises to keep our pulses racing in his new flick

The 'next Tom Cruise'

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HANDOUT

▶ Up and coming actors Taylor Lautner and Lily Collins star in Abduction.

If you ever find yourself searching for the room where you're scheduled to interview Taylor Lautner, look for the one with the duo of hulking security guards suspiciously eyeing every room service attendant or housekeeper that walks down the hall. That's the place.

It makes sense that Lautner would need to take certain precautions given that he's been an international megastar since the age of 16, thanks to a little something called Twilight.

Now at the ripe old age of 19, with his time as werewolf Jacob Black wrapped on the final installment of the series and set to come to an end in November 2012, Lautner is looking to grow from teen idol to leading man with his first solo project, Abduction, an action adventure helmed by John Singleton.

As grateful as Lautner is for the success of the Twilight franchise, one has to wonder if he isn't more than a little excited to escape certain byproducts of the series' success, like the hysterical screaming teens that swarm him wherever he goes.

Asked if he ever grows weary of hearing shrieks, he shakes his head.

"I love that noise," he smiles. "We feed off of their energy. When we walk into a room, an auditorium or a red carpet and there's thousands of fans screaming, it really gets us pumped. I remember the first time we ever heard it was at Comic Con for Twilight and we were like, 'Whoa! What is going on?' But now we're kind of used to it. We love it."

Leaving the Twilight series behind and embarking on more mature roles, Lautner has been hailed as "the next Tom Cruise," a distinction he embraces with a "Gee, shucks, me?" attitude.

"Tom Cruise has been my idol my entire life. I love his career path, his choices, so to have a tenth of the career Tom Cruise has had would be a dream for me," he offers shyly.

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TAYLOR LAUTNER

One thing Cruise and Lautner have in common, besides those delightfully toothy grins, is a love of performing their own stunts.

As an accomplished martial artist, Lautner is extremely physically capable and was thrilled to tackle the action sequences of Abduction, which included boxing, riding on the hood of a careening car and sliding down the sheer glass face of an escalator overhang.

"When I hear about the stunts that my character is going to do, I want to do them myself," Lautner beams.

"Selfishly, they sound fun, but our goal with this movie was to make it seem as real and grounded as possible and it always helps when the real actors are doing the stunts."

Film synopsis

Abduction is "a thriller centred on a young man who sets out to uncover the truth about his life after finding his baby photo on a missing persons website," according to IMDB.

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Scene in brief

Canadian singer J.D. Fortune says he's no longer a member of the band INXS and that the split is amicable. In a post on his blog yesterday, Fortune says he was not fired and didn't quit, but that the band will continue without him. He says he's now developing "several exciting projects as a solo artist."
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‘Hey, I’m Jonah and I’m in this movie’

Hill talks about his dramatic turn in Moneyball and his dramatic weight loss He regrets that the second story is not that interesting

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN BOSTON

Jonah Hill is understandably a little hoarse when we meet up with him at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston. The night before, he had been partying with the staff of the Harvard Lampoon in nearby Cambridge. “Oh my gosh, one of the best nights of my entire life,” he says.

He gets a little starry eyed. “It was very inspirational because not only have a lot of the great comedy writers of our time and before passed through there and were a part of that organization, but it was inspirational and moving in that I always felt like, displaced a lot. Because there weren’t very many film people or comedy people really in my high school and college was kind of the same. I just would have felt so at home there. I got the feeling that gosh, I just felt like I would have thrived in that environment.”

Regardless of oppressive environments of his past, Hill is thriving. He is starring in his first dramatic role, playing opposite Brad Pitt in the film adaptation of Michael Lewis’ 2003 book, Moneyball.

I know you must be sick of talking about your weight, but could you give me a Cliffs-Notes’ version?

I completely understand people’s interest in it. I went to a nutritionist. I wanted to be healthier. It’s really as simple as that. It’s not that talking about it bothers me; it’s just how uninteresting my answers are. I wish I had something more interesting to say.

At the Video Music Awards you made a crack that “people keep saying, ‘now that you’ve lost weight, you’re probably not funny anymore.’” And then you go and do a dramatic film!

I just like all kinds of movies. To me it’s about making good movies. I’m lucky enough to spend my life doing this, and I’d like to it when I’m an old man. I’d like to have a few DVDs — or whatever space technology they have — to show to my grandkids and go, ‘This is what I spent my life doing.’ Hopefully there’s three or four in there that are just worthy of having said I spent my life doing something...

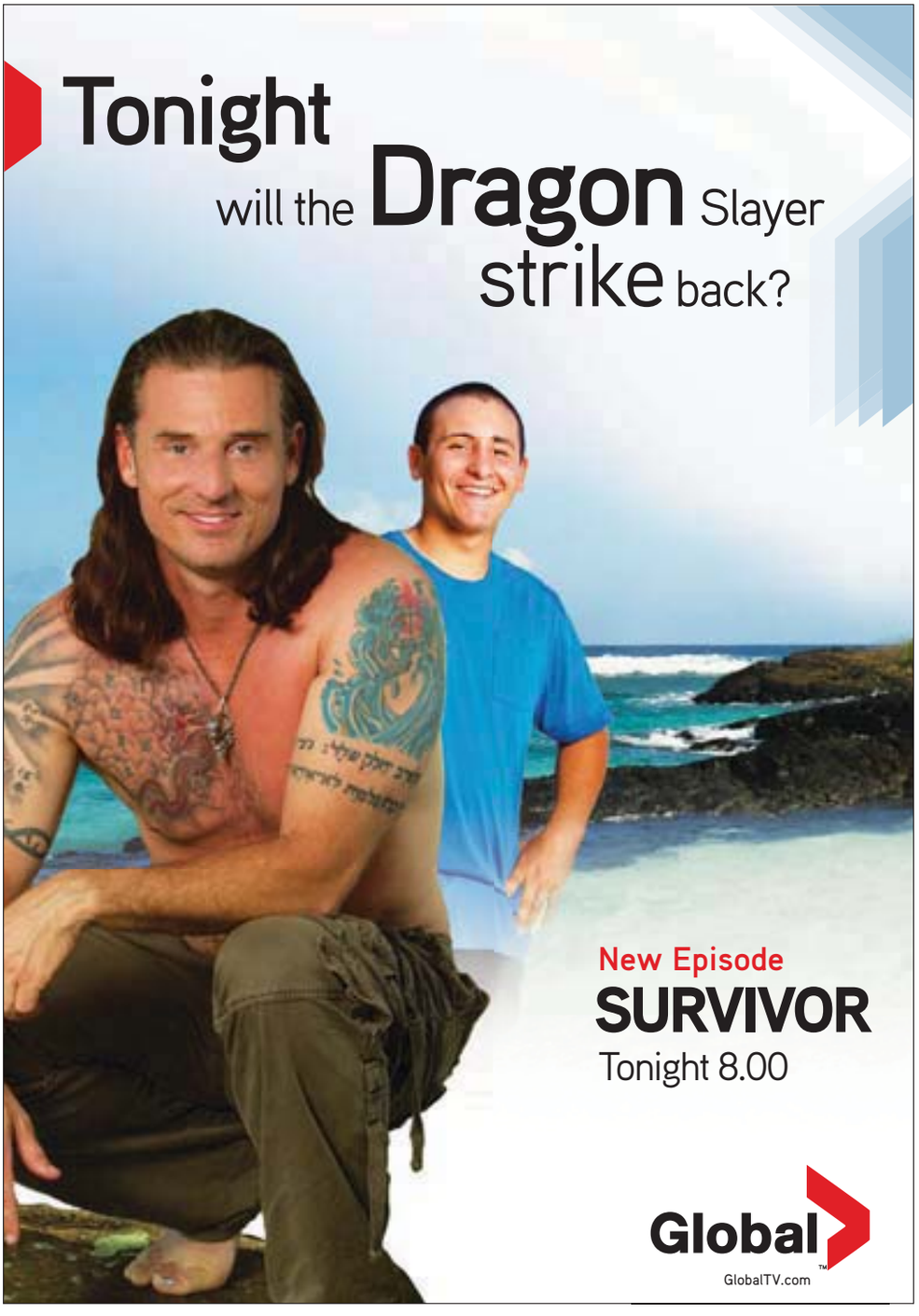
At what point did you know you wanted to try a drama?

I think I’ve always wanted to take this turn — it just had to be the right thing. … With all these talented people, I mean it was a no brainer. The truth is I feel very similar right now at this moment in my career to how I did when Superbad was coming out, because Superbad was my introduction to people. I was this underdog, an unlikely star.

I was saying ‘Hey, I’m Jonah. I’m in this movie. I’d like to do more of this and I hope you accept me.’

MELINDA SUE GORDON

▶ Brad Pitt, left, and Jonah Hill star in Moneyball.



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Defining an 'X Factor'

Simon Cowell looks for the next generation of singing stars **Why this isn't an American Idol clone**

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▶ Nicole Scherzinger, left, Steve Jones, Simon Cowell, Paula Abdul and L.A. Reid are judge-mentors on X Factor. The show premieres tonight on CTV.

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN NEW YORK

Simon Cowell, the ever-confident reality guru, is calling it now: The X Factor is going to be a huge hit.

"You do it because you want to be number one. "You don't enter something for the silver medal." the TV producer/judge says of his expectations to not only meet the success of American Idol with his new venture, but surpass it. "We're going to try and make it the best show on TV."

There's a lot on the line for the new talent competition, another singing contest Cowell has imported from Britain.

The winner is guaranteed $5 million cash in addition to a recording contract and a Pepsi-sponsored commercial to run during the Super Bowl.

"If I didn't think that the talent was worth $5 million in America, I wouldn't have made the show in America," the famously direct Brit says.

Despite its pedigree, Cowell insists that this is not an Idol clone.

The X Factor is open to both solo artists and groups, ages 12 and up.

Contestants will be broken up into four categories: girls ages 12 and 30, boys ages 12 and 30, individuals over 30, and groups.

Also, the judges panel — including Cowell, Idol mate Paula Abdul, former Pussycat Doll Nicole Scherzinger and record producer L.A. Reid — will serve as mentors.

"We see this as a game-changer," Cowell says. "We're going to try and find a completely different kind of contestant. Our job as judges is to find people who've got star quality, and turn them into stars. And I've got a panel who can do that."

Paula Abdul speaks

Paula Abdul weighs in on the caliber of singers auditioning for The X Factor.

"[The contestants] understand the savvy business of the record business, of having to have your own definitive, unique, something special that is not copycat to other artists. And they come in, and it's that feeling that I've wanted to feel as a judge even through all of the years of American Idol, that I'm discovering something I have never seen before."

"I've been in that exact place. That's how I got my start 10 years ago, through that exact audition process on Popstars, and I know exactly what they are going through. I come from a different place of compassion and understanding."

NICOLE SCHERZINGER ON EMPATHIZING WITH CONTESTANTS

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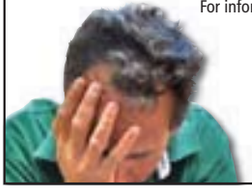

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Canada's hottest theatre hunks

The iconic Christopher Plummer is one of the few recognizable members of Canada's entertainment royalty.

And while he is perhaps best remembered as the iconic Captain Von Trapp in family-favourite musical The Sound of Music, Plummer's varied career has successfully spanned both sides of the border.

A long-time veteran of the Stratford stage, Plummer brings his love of the theatre and his musicality to Toronto's Roy Thompson Hall for a limited two-night engagement (September 22 and 24) for an opening celebration of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra's 90th Season.

The show features excerpts from English composer William Walton's score of Lawrence Oliver's adaptation of Henry V.

Plummer will pay the titular character, a role that actually inspired his decision to pursue a career as an actor.

Additional musical performances include Tchaikovksy's Romeo & Juliet.

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Christopher Plummer

Due, Gross!

Paul Gross, of Men With Brooms and Due South fame, spars with Sex and the City's Kim Cattrall in the Mirvish Production of Noël Coward's Private Lives, currently running at the Royal Alexandra Theatre.

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Pitt not a baseball lover

While Moneyball was a clear passion project for Brad Pitt, he's still surprised anyone involved in baseball let him do it, given his lack of history with the sport.

"It's shameful how little I know about baseball ... I'm amazed they let me do this movie," Pitt tells Sports Illustrated.

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Sheen changes his tune

Troubled actor is being pretty nice about his old show — could it have to do with his sweet payout?

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Charlie Sheen

Charlie Sheen has been making nice with his former show, Two and a Half Men — offering kind words at the Emmys and tweeting about watching the season 9 premiere — and now we know why.

Sheen has reached a settlement with Warner Bros. over his dismissal from the show earlier this year, and according to TMZ the actor will get an immediate $25 million payout, plus about $100 million in syndication profits over the next 10 years.

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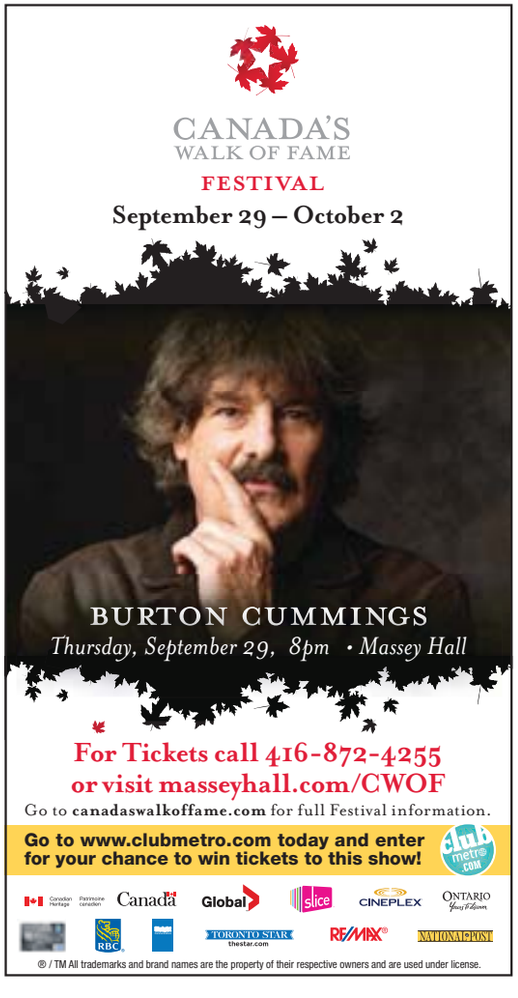

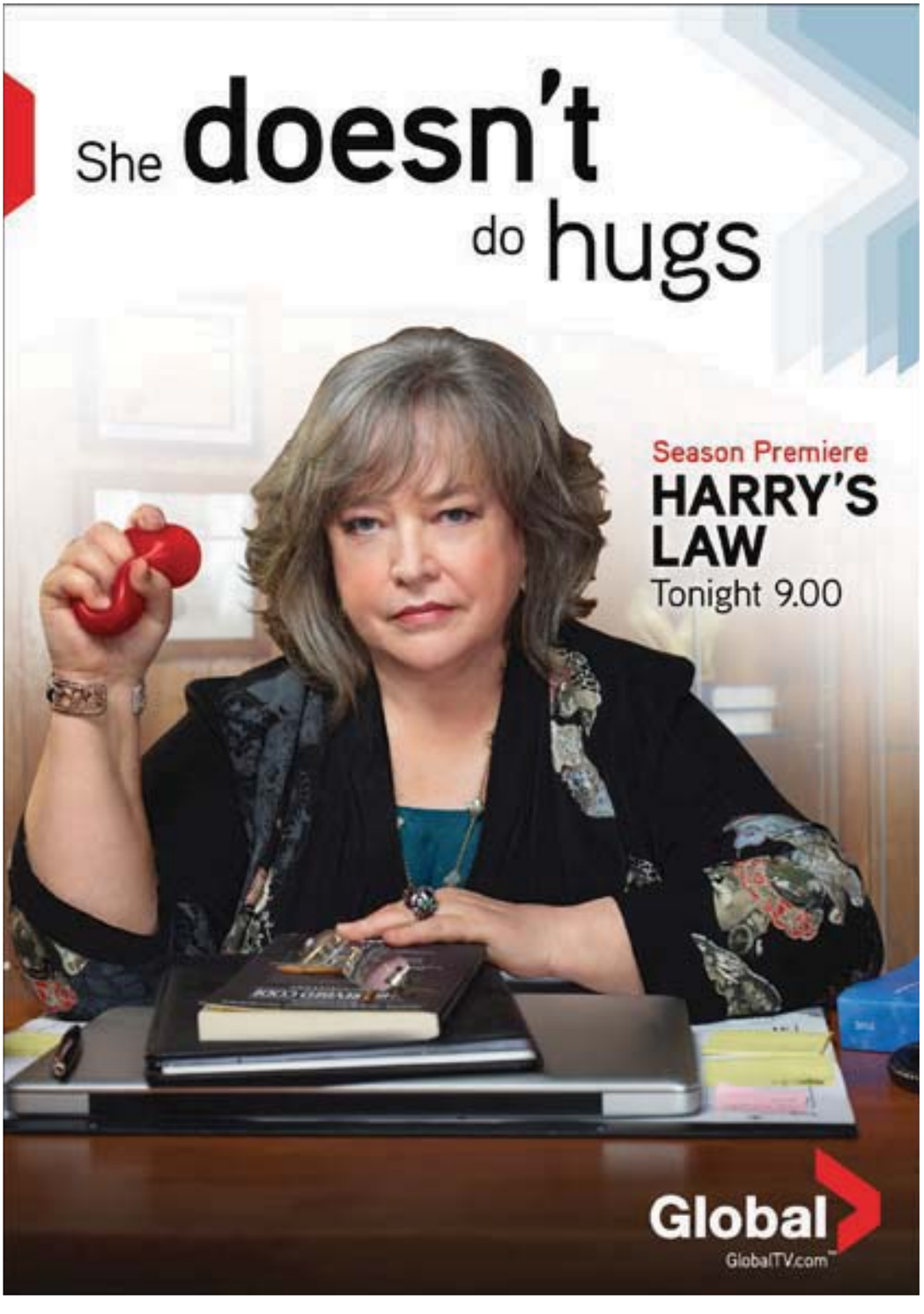

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Travel in brief

Google is elevating the quality of its search results for airline tickets. Its revised approach to airfare queries appeared Tuesday in a newly opened "flights" section of Google.com. It provided the first glimpse at how Google intends to use the tools it picked up from its $676 million purchase of leading airline fare tracker ITA Software.

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After taking top prize on TV show, chef serves winning meal at restaurant.

Let loose in the Arizona desert

Are you ready to defy the crisp days of autumn? Extend summer with an awe-inspiring trip to Arizona and the Sierra Ancha

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Your first day in Arizona, in the heart of the Sierra Ancha's stones, try gearing up with a wetsuit and a helmet to inspect the Salome Canyon underworld. Scramble and swim in some of the most spectacular natural playgrounds in the world. At times down in the canyon, you will be able to touch both granite walls rising 200-feet above you and rappel a 40-feet rushing waterfall.

Spend a divine night at the luxury Royal Palms Resort and Spa, and wake up early to climb the Camelback Mountain in Phoenix. Imagine the sensation of making one with the mountain, of floating like a bold eagle above the rocks while admiring the sunrise on the city. Take the afternoon to go deeper in the Sonora desert and hike among the boulders.

Get on your mountain bike on the third day and race among cacti and other unwelcoming, yet beautiful spiky trees in McDowell Regional Park. Make sure not to step on a rattlesnake or a tarantula nest; they abound in the area. Unwind in the afternoon, kayaking on the gentle stream of the Salt River, where you might come across wild mustangs.

On day four, you will board a Cessna (a four-seater plane) to fly over the Grand Canyon. In the Grand Canyon National Park, sore muscles permitting, you will embark on a 1200-foot descent down the canyon. It's a spectacular trek through more than 40 million years of geological history.

Save a day to drive down to Tucson and live among cowboys for a while at the White Stallion Ranch.

If you go

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- **Mountain biking, kayaking, hiking:** aoa-adventures.com
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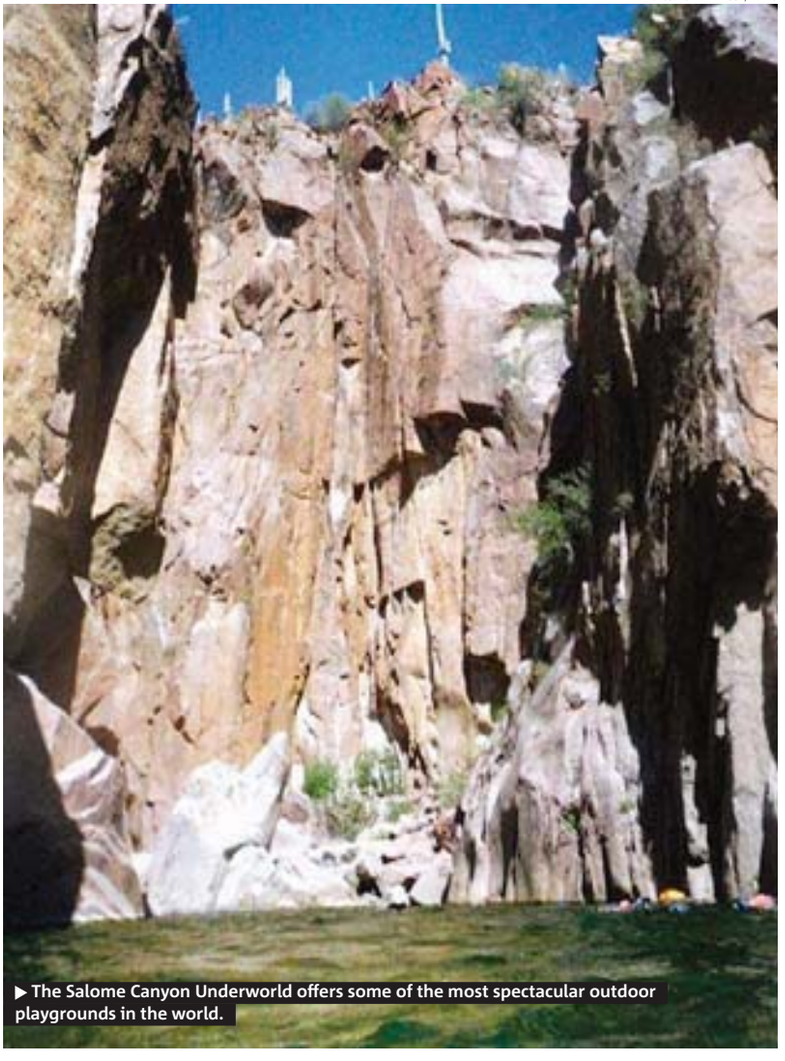

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NEWCOMERS' GUIDE TO THE CITY

A fall festival is a great way to learn about food, culture and how to have fun

Autumn adventures

TEXT BY PAULINE ANDERSON AND YLVA VAN BUUREN

SECOND ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sept. 22, 4 to 7 p.m.

WHY WE LOVE IT: This free community event celebrates the harvest season with lots of delicious fruit.

WHAT IS IT: Spend an afternoon enjoying yummy free fruit (plums, pears, cherries) and be sure to take a free tour of Toronto's first community orchard. A community garden is tended by volunteers who work with experts to grow produce in public places like parks. At the festival, there's also live music, games and other activities for kids and a loonie raffle (all tickets are $1 or three for $2) for gifts from community merchants such as a massage, yoga package or other great prizes.

WHERE IS IT?: Ben Nobleman Park. Take the subway to Eglinton West, walk east to Everden Rd. community orchard.ca

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▶ Fall festivals are a great way to learn more about how food is grown.

HARVEST HOME FESTIVAL (IN ELORA)

Oct. 2, 1 to 4 p.m.

WHY WE LOVE IT: This event is a great reason to get out of town (north west of Toronto) and learn more about our food and how we grow it.

WHAT IS IT: Spend a delightful afternoon celebrating the area's rich agricultural past. There are working tractors and threshers on display, livestock like cows and fresh produce at the farmer's market on site. (Harvest Home is part of the 11-day Elora Festival with all kinds of food, music and art events. Visit the website for a schedule: sensationalelora.com).

ADMISSION: Free.

WHERE: Wellington County and Archives; for a map, visit sensationalelora.com/index.cfm?page=map1.

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Whittamore's Farm Pumkinland and Harvest Festival on weekends Sept. 12 to Oct 31. There are wagon rides through the "haunted" forest, fun music and a Pumpkin Cannon Show (yup, pumpkins are fired out of a cannon). There are lots of snacks and pumpkins on hand too. Admission is $36 (plus tax) for a family of 4. The farm is at 8100 Steeles Ave East, 6 kilometres east of Markham Road. Visit whittamoresfarm.com/pumpkinland

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Sept. 25, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHY WE LOVE IT: Who doesn't love garlic?

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The must-see bands of Pop Montreal

Pop Montreal kicks off today and features almost 200 musical acts Here's a look at some of the highlights

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POP Montreal's acts range from underground local artists, hip American bands and Montreal's biggest musical ambassadors.

Arcade Fire, Wednesday at Metropolis, Thursday at Place Des Festivals
Maybe you've heard of these guys? They started around here. Not ringing any bells? They play anthemic indie rock that earned them a Grammy for Album of the Year and the Polaris Music Prize earlier this week. If you still haven't heard them, you're probably not going to their super exclusive Wednesday night show, but maybe you might try checking them out for their free show on Thursday.

You know, you really might like them. A lot of people do!

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▶ Arcade Fire

Jeff the Brotherhood, Thursday at Club Soda
Brothers Jake and Jamin Orrall have a contagious restless energy that feels like the band you wish you were in when you were in high school. Or even the band that you wish went to high school with you. They may have left high school years ago, but that adolescent excitement for rock 'n' roll hasn't left them. Beneath this Nashville stoner sound is a songwriting and production sensibility that is a joy to behold.

Dirty Beaches, Friday at Il Motore
When people talk about the garage rock revival, they should definitely be mentioning this Montreal minimalist, not just because the fidelity sounds like he literally recorded his songs in a garage, but because he sings with a be-bop-a-lula of a voice against a backing that sounds like Suicide.

Stephen Malkmus and the Jicks, Friday, Théâtre Corona
The former Pavement frontman is as witty as ever on the new Mirror Traffic album, populating it with folk who go streaking in their Birkenstocks and are down with "soft rap."

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▶ POP Montreal starts today and runs until Sunday.

Yuck, Saturday at Cabaret du Mile-End
If you like a thick wall of fuzzy guitar and pretty whispered melodies, then Yuck will make you say, "Yum."

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▶ Girls

Boot Camp Clik, Saturday at Underworld
The diversity of this Brooklyn act is well represented by the diversity of the names they have chosen for themselves. There's Buckshot, Smif N Wessun, Rock and Sean Price. Isn't it cool that in such a pedigreed hip-hop group, one guy would have the audacity to use his birth name? Their beats and rhymes are just as bold.

Girls, Sunday at Théâtre Corona
This California band plays a style of music we like to call Oldies on Drugs. They use 1950s jukebox structures for a lot of their songs, but their lyrics are often about getting high. Their brand new album, Father, Son, Holy Ghost is the logical comedown from their sunny debut, Album, and it feels good to feel bad.

Peter Hook and the Light, Sunday at Club Soda
You know Peter Hook as the bass player from Joy Division and New Order. He has a new band, and his son is the bass player! Hooky sings! What does he sing? Well, the debut album from Joy Division, Unknown Pleasures, in its entirety!

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Do not pass the casinos if you want to collect $200 – or more.

That's the new marketing mantra in America's second-largest gambling market.

Atlantic City is using life-sized promotions exhibits capitalizing on its first-in-the-nation Boardwalk to try to drive new business into its casinos, where patrons can also lose $200 — or more.

Bally's Atlantic City has constructed a large outdoor replica of the Monopoly board, complete with oversized dice, green houses, red hotels and game pieces such as the silver car.

Tourists are encouraged to walk on it, and many stop to take photos on or in front of it.

"You hear all your life about how Monopoly is based on Atlantic City and you play the game all your life, and now we're actually here, on the real Boardwalk!" said Shirley Theal of Niagara Falls, Ont.

She and two travelling companions were walking on the Monopoly board Tuesday morning.

Of course, the main goal is to get more people to come into the casinos and gamble.

Don Marrandino, eastern division president of Caesars Entertainment, which owns four Atlantic City casinos including Bally's, said it has seen an uptick on Boardwalk foot traffic into the casino since the Monopoly board went up Sept. 1.

The board is tied in to a Monopoly-themed promotion inside the casino in which players and club members collect game pieces for a shot at $500,000.

"We're getting a great customer response to it," he said.

As any Monopoly player can tell you, Boardwalk and Park Place are the priciest real estate on the game board.

The real-life game board is located, not coincidentally, at Boardwalk and Park Place. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Visitors can try their luck collecting $200 at the casinos in Atlantic City.

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▶ Atlantic city is relying on attractions on its boardwalk to drive visitors into its casinos.

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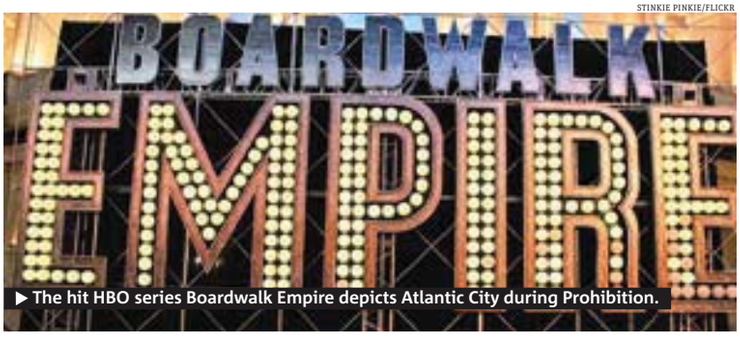

▶ The hit HBO series Boardwalk Empire depicts Atlantic City during Prohibition.

Boardwalk Empire

A bit further south on the Boardwalk is a life-sized replica of the storefronts that appear in the hit HBO series Boardwalk Empire. The series depicting Prohibition-era Atlantic City begins its second season later this month, and Atlantic City has created several promotions to try to capitalize on the nationwide publicity the show is generating for the gambling resort.

Going with the ‘flow’ in Hawaii

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It may not have all the bright lights and packed beaches of Honolulu, but Hawaii’s Big Island is a very cool place in its own right.

It’s also a very hot place … as in liquid hot magma hot!

Literally millions of tourists flock to the famous Kilauea Volcano every year, making it the most-visited tourist attraction in Hawaii, eclipsing even the Pearl Harbour memorial on Oahu.

After leaving the city of Hilo, and climbing 4,000 feet straight up, my first reaction after arriving at Kilauea was just how black and barren it is.

Hundreds of miles of black rivers of lava flow frozen in time, flooding the landscape.

Always one to bring back a memento or two, I decided to break myself off a few tiny pieces of black lava to bring home as a souvenir.

I soon found out this is a very big no-no! A park guide soon rushed right over and insisted I empty my pockets of the new-found rubble.

It seems ancient tradition dictates that taking any lava rocks away from the sacred volcano site will bring horrible luck and great misfortune to any poor soul that does so. In fact, there is a huge pile of returned lava rocks at the entrance of Volcano National Park put there by people who made the mistake of not heeding the warning!

Despite the fact there is enough erupted material here to pave a road around the world three times over, those rocks stay put… forever.

The Kilauea Volcano has been constantly erupting since 1983, and it really is a thrill to be right there in the thick of it!

It’s also considered the most dangerous volcano in the U.S., so admittedly I was treading a bit gingerly as I approached the actual fire show.

What followed was one of the most amazing sites these jaded eyes have ever seen.

Huge rivers of red-hot liquid lava flowing slowly down cliffs, and then suddenly exploding in huge plumes after making contact with the ocean.

It was truly a sight to behold.

This is a place everyone should make a pilgrimage to.

Just don’t steal the rocks.

Other cool things to do on the Big Island

- **Visit Funky Hilo:** A great little city overlooking a gorgeous bay, with stunning waterfalls, great restaurants, and cool bars. Every April tourists flock here for the annual Hula Festival.
- **Big Island Eco Adventures:** Take an exciting zipline tour through the mountains of north Kohala. Enjoy a lunch of local delicacies overlooking a 32-foot waterfall.

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Dairy delights

Head to Wisconsin and let your taste buds lead you on a cheesy tour of the dairy land of the United States

Only at an airport in Wisconsin can the phrase "half my bag is cheese" attract nothing more than a shrug.

But in the Dairy Land these days, there's a lot of cheese to be had and tourists are eating it up.

The state's milk marketing board keeps adding more dairies on its cheese map for tourists who want to tour the state on a sojourn of cheese. Last year they distributed some 220,000 maps listing more than 115 dairies and creameries. When the next map goes out next year, it will have some 130 listings.

Here's the cheesy take on where to go, what to eat and how to get it home.

The Cheese Map

The Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board's map of the state with 116 cheesemakers and retail stores, is a great way to begin planning. They list where you can find the country's only licensed Limburger maker (Chalet Cheese Cooperative in Monroe, Wis.), and other places to visit in every part of the state. You can order a map from their website, or print one out at eatwisconsincheese.com/wisconsin/travelers-guide.aspx.

Farmers markets

Instead of visiting the dairies, you can let the cheesemakers come to you. Wisconsin has a wealth of farmers markets all throughout the state that draw farmers, cheesemakers and artisans from the area.

The Dane County Farmers' Market — dcfm.org — is the biggest farmers market in the state, and also claims to be the biggest in the country.

At any rate, the market along the perimeter of the state capitol is a mind-boggling array of 300 vendors of fresh cheese, produce, crafts and more. There are often so many people you have to walk in one direction. Even in the winter, the market is still held. The indoor market is much smaller, but just as delicious.

For a full listing of farmers markets in Wisconsin, visit savorwisconsin.com/events/farmersMarketEvents.aspx.

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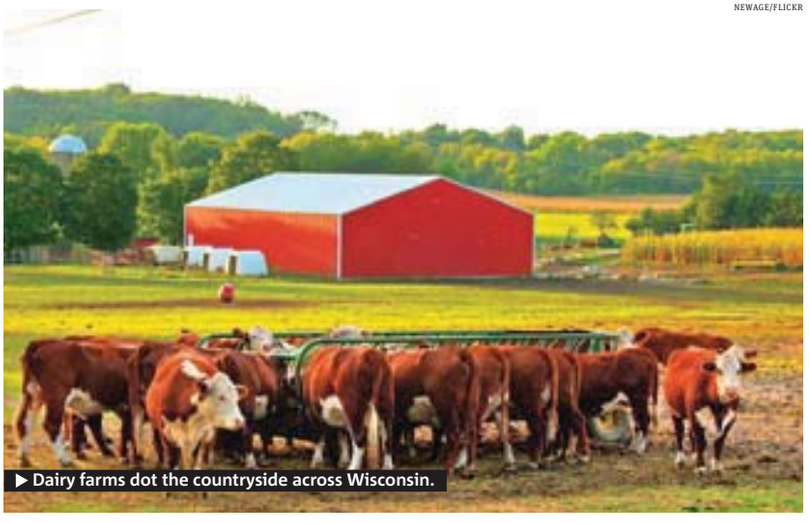

▶ Dairy farms dot the countryside across Wisconsin.

Curd Day

Among the many listings on the map is Curd Day. That salty, moist funky little nugget of squeaky goodness comes in simple flavours like cheddar, all the way to savoury dill and garlic and burn-your-mouth jalapeno.

On the first Saturday of every month, curds are celebrated at Beechwood Cheese Company, a tiny creamery that is more than 100 years old located in the Kettle Moraine, a region of glacier-made ponds and lakes in Sheboygan County. Every first Saturday of every month, the cheesemaker makes close to 1,000 kilograms of curds, and its tiny store connected to the factory is descended upon by cheese-o-philes. They sometimes drive for hours to attend and have to wait outside just to get in.

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▶ Beechwood Cheese Company celebrates the deliciousness of the cheese curd on the first Saturday of every month.

Meet your cheesemakers

There's something to see and eat every day at Wisconsin's cheesemakers. Get there early in the morning, just as the cheese is being made, for the freshest and the best. You are never far from one in Wisconsin.

Carr Valley Cheese hosts a growing number of cheese tourists at its seven retail stores and factories, said Sid Cook, master cheesemaker, owner and operator.

"There'll be licence plates from seven or eight different states at a time, and maybe 10 places to park.

"It gets to be a bit of a jungle," he said of Carr Valley's flagship location in La Valle, located in central Wisconsin.

He realized years ago that not everyone visiting was a local, so he started selling coolers to help transport the cheesy bounty home.

More stringent food safety requirements have put an end to factory tours, but visitors can see most of the functions of his three plants through large windows.

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Every night in Shanghai there's a light show on the waterfront. Once the sun sets around 5:30 the lights across the harbour in Pu Dong district come alive — each building outdoing the other and transforming the pitch black sky. The kids point out that it resembles Disney World's Tomorrowland in the Magic Kingdom. It's definitely magical: We've watched it every night and every day the kids still ask if we can go and see it again.

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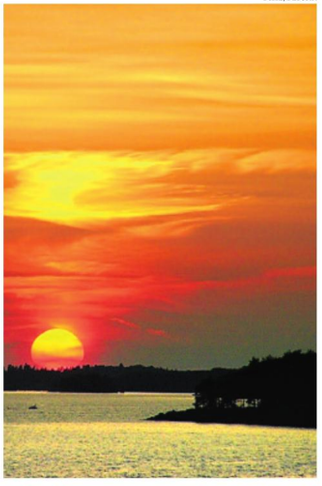

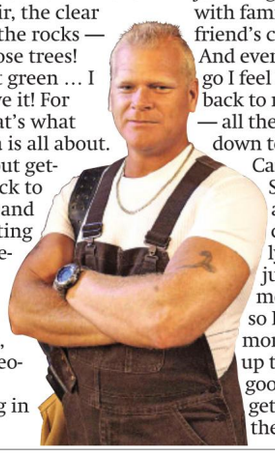

I'm a Canadian boy, born and bred, and like any good Canadian, I love every inch of my country. I really do. But I have to admit, my favourite place in Canada has to be (Ontario) cottage country — Muskoka in particular.

To me, you just can't get any better than the fresh air, the clear water, the rocks — and those trees! All that green … I just love it! For me, that's what Canada is all about. It's about getting back to nature and just sitting back, relaxing with good friends, good people, soaking in the landscape, the sunshine, and letting go of everything else.

I've spent a lot of great times up in Muskoka, whether it's been camping, boating, waterskiing, or just hanging out with family or at a friend's cottage. And every time I go I feel like I get back to my roots — all they way down to my Canadian Shield — and I'm completely recharged. I just wish our summers were longer, so I could have more time to spend up there. I think it's good for people to get out, breathe in the air, get their feet in the dirt, and really enjoy our country. A lot of us have no idea how lucky we are to have so much in our own backyard.

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Savoury apple sensations

Apple Cheddar Puffs prove this fruit has a place at the dinner table Serve as appetizers

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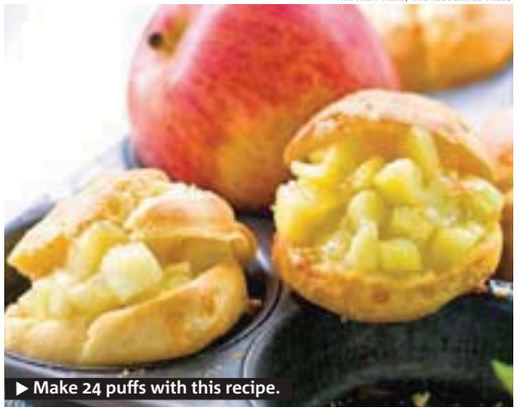

▶ Make 24 puffs with this recipe.

While sauces and pies are a fine start, it's also easy to get creative with how we cook apples.

Apple Cheddar Puffs
Preparation:

1 Heat oven to 220 C (425 F). Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

2 In saucepan over medium-high, heat water, butter and salt until boiling. Add flour and stir vigorously with wooden spoon until mix comes away from sides of pan and forms a ball of dough, about 1 min.

3 Transfer dough to bowl of electric mixer. Mix with paddle attachment 1 min. Add eggs, one at a time, waiting until fully incorporated before adding next. When all of the eggs are incorporated, mix in cheese.

4 Spoon mix into large zip-close bag with corner cut off. Gently squeeze to create walnut-size mounds on prepared baking sheets, leaving 5 cm (2 inches) between each mound. Bake 10 mins, then reduce oven temp. to 190 C (375 F) and bake for another 15 minutes or until golden brown.

5 Remove puffs from oven and pierce side of each to allow steam to escape. Let cool.

6 While puffs bake, make filling. In saucepan over medium-high, cook apples, sugar, ginger, lemon juice, salt and 30 ml (2 tbsp) of water just until apples tender, about 6 mins. In glass, stir remaining 30 ml (2 tbsp) water and cornstarch, add to apples. Bring to simmer and cook just until mi thickens, 1 to 2 mins. Let cool before using.

7 To fill puffs, cut each in half horizontally. Spoon small amount of filling into bottom of shell, replace top half of shell. Serve warm.

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Ingredients:

Puffs
- 250 ml (1 cup) water
- 90 ml (6 tbsp) unsalted butter
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 325 ml (1 1/3 cup) all-purpose flour
- 5 eggs
- 250 ml (1 cup) grated extra-sharp cheddar cheese

Filling
- 4 Golden Delicious apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) sugar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) grated fresh ginger
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice
- Pinch salt
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) water, divided
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) cornstarch

Drink of the week

Earl Grey Peach Bubbly

- 2 cups (500 mL) water
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) Earl Grey loose tea leaves
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) peaches (sliced, peeled, pitted)
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) honey
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) grated lemon rind
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) lemon juice
- 1 bottle (750 mL) carbonated mineral water

In saucepan bring water to boil. Add tea leaves; steep 5 mins. Let cool slightly.

Strain tea into blender; discard tea leaves. Add peach slices and honey. Blend until smooth. Add lemon rind and juice. Cover and refrigerate until cold.

Pour mix into pitcher; add mineral water. Refrigerate until ready to use.

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MORE WORK TO BE DONE

GAP REMAINS BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN IN SENIOR ROLES

Despite perceptions that women are occupying more and more senior management positions in Canada, that line of thinking was shattered by a recent Conference Board of Canada report.

"We didn't expect the gap to be fully closed, but I think we expected to see more progress than there was," says Ruth Wright.

She oversaw the research for the report that analyzed Statistics Canada data from 1987 to 2009 and found that despite a steady increase in female labour participation, "the proportion of women in senior management positions has virtually flat-lined," says the report.

THE RIGHT TOOLS

Women bring many important skills to today's workplace, such as being respectful of others, which is crucial in an increasingly diverse workforce. Women also tend to put others needs before their own, but there are many more key skills they possess. "They are nurturers who are excellent at helping their colleagues develop," Peggy Cunningham, the dean of management at Dalhousie University, wrote in an email. "They are collaborative and tend to work with and empower others."

In 2009, twice as many men occupied senior management positions compared to women, although women held about 48 per cent of all jobs in Canada.

Dr. Janni Aragon, the chair of the academic women's caucus at the University of Victoria, thinks higher education could help improve the situation.

"We need to get more women and other marginalized groups into the masters programs, not only business administration, the executive MBA programs, but also MPA (Masters of Public Administration) programs," she says.

Currently, only about one-third of MBAs received in Canada are earned by women.

Catherine Hakim, a sociologist at the London School of Economics, has a controversial solution to help with the problem. In her new book, Erotic Capital: The Power of Attractiveness in the Boardroom and the Bedroom, she says social and physical attractiveness affect all aspects of people's lives, so it is something that should be utilized in the workplace.

"Both men and women who are good-looking, dress well, keep fit, and have elegant social manners, charm and charisma are more agreeable

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Percentage of MBAs earned by women in Canada in 2010-11. **Source: catalyst.org.**

colleagues, clients, business contacts and managers, and have better working relationships," she writes in an email.

"They sell ideas, policies, products and services more easily, and make their enterprises more profitable."

She says "patriarchal ideology has belittled women who are attractive as stupid or superficial. Unfortunately, many feminists adopted the same ideas."

Hakim says that with economies being driven more and more by the service sector and white-collar positions, social skills are becoming more important in professional and managerial jobs.

– Richard Woodbury

NEW CHAIR FOR LAURIER

ADDS CENTRE FOR BRAND EDUCATION

Wilfrid Laurier University recently announced the creation of Canada's first chair in Brand Communication. Forty-five leading Canadian brands and brand marketing professionals have invested $1.9 million to establish Laurier as a national centre for brand education.

Marketing communications and marketing research expert Dr. Brad Davis has been appointed as the inaugural chair.

"I think one of the areas that we have always been a little novel is in pioneering some new formats. We also have very much of a focus around practicality. We integrate things more, hopefully, along the lines they're going to experience in the workplace," says Davis.

Flexibility is key. The Laurier MBA degree is offered in six formats, providing you with options that best suit your professional goals and your schedule.

One example is Laurier's MBA with the Certified Financial Analyst (CFA) option, which allows students to complete both their MBA degree and their Level I and Level II CFA exams concurrently. The program boasts a successful track record: Results from the 2011 Level II CFA exam show the pass rate among students from Laurier's part-time Toronto program was 88 per cent.

Laurier has also pioneered the weekend format with its Toronto MBA program that runs Friday evenings and Saturdays.

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FOCUS ON DIVERSITY

As the U.S. economy struggles and the country tightens its immigration policies, more and more international business students are choosing to study in Canada.

Kerri Regan, MBA program manager at the Queen's School of Business, says up to 45 per cent of its students come from outside of Canada. "Canada is perceived as being a multicultural environment," she says. "That's definitely a draw — that focus on diversity."

Canada recently made its visa rules for students more welcoming, so many international students make the country a destination, planning to work for at least a few years after graduation. Some intend to move permanently to Canada.

Other students are looking to gain as much experience as they can and then take it back home.

International MBA students only pay a little more in tuition than Canadian students, so, for the university, the big draw is bringing a global perspective to the classroom. Many international students want to study in English, the default language for global business, and opt for Canada's strong economy and more open immigration rules.

"Most of our international students work for global companies," says Claire Gumus, assistant director at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management.

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DEGROOTE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS BEST KNOWN FOR ITS CO-OP PROGRAM

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Melina Head is director of the McMaster MBA program.

"Probably what we're most well-known for is our co-op MBA program," she says. "It's the longest standing, the most well-known co-op MBA program within the country and allows students to gain a full year's worth of paid work experience while they go through the program."

Gloria So went into the MBA program wanting a specific goal — it was to pursue a career in the non-profit and charitable sector. "I really wanted the opportunity to be able to experience what it is actually like through having three separate co-op terms. In a way, it's the co-op that's been guiding my MBA experience and I've strategically placed my MBA co-op experience with different organizations in different types of roles," she says.

Students may choose from a wide selection of programs that fit their plans, including the country's leading co-op MBA, a traditional MBA, the eight-month accelerated MBA, or a self-directed part-time MBA.

DeGroote is committed to corporate social responsibility with its many initiatives, including a resident MBA student sustainability director. Since McMaster's Ron Joyce Centre opened in September 2010, integrating with the city of Burlington has been an important goal of the RJC community. The four-storey, 90,000-square-foot building, home to the DeGroote School of Business' MBA and executive education programs, is one of five McMaster buildings certified by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design green building rating system.

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SCHULICH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS PHOTOS

REACHING ACROSS THE GLOBE

SCHULICH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS TO LAUNCH CAMPUS IN INDIA

The Schulich School of Business at York University is ranked among the world's leading business schools and is known as Canada's Global Business School.

Schulich recently announced a partnership with the GMR group that will see it launch an MBA and Executive Education program at its 15-acre GMR Campus in Hyderabad, India. GMR is one of the world's leading infrastructure developers.

"Our campus in Hyderabad will be a mirror image of Schulich's Toronto campus," said Schulich dean Dezsö J. Horváth. He aims to attract the best and the brightest students from India and abroad and prepare them for global careers in India and elsewhere in the world. The Hyderabad campus will operate as an extension of the Toronto campus, ensuring the same high quality of programs, internationally focused curriculum and international faculty.

Dezsö J. Horváth

The GMR group has about 1,000 acres of land in Hyderabad, which it is developing for education, health, aerospace, pharmacy service, and entertainment.

"India will be a very attractive destination for students from all over the world, who might be curious about what the corporate world there has to offer to them, what the markets are like," says Horváth.

There is a need in India for good graduates who can help successful, globally oriented Indian corporations. Set to open in September 2013, it will become the first full-fledged campus of a major, top-ranked international business school in India.

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The Ryerson MBA, one of the newer programs in Toronto, is offered at the Ted Rogers School of Management, which received the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation this past July. AACSB accreditation is considered the hallmark of excellence in business education, and has been earned by less than five per cent of the world's leading business schools.

Krystina Sulatycki will soon graduate from the MBA program, where she experienced a strong sense of community at the school.

"I think it's a really personal decision, in it really depends what you want to get out it," she says. "Ryerson was a great fit for me because they have relatively small classes. The professors are really involved with the students, the staff gets to know everybody and you know all of your classmates, so it's a great opportunity to meet a lot of really talented people."

The Ken Jones Cup, sponsored by dean Ken Jones, is awarded annually to the winning team of the winter Integrative Week competition. This year, the cup was presented by Todd Young to the team of Shakil Alam, Anthony Deonarain, Marco Gonzales, Darnel Leader, Krystina Sulatycki and Ana Yanes.

RYERSON UNIVERSITY PHOTO

Jim Tiessen, director of Ryerson's MBA program, attributes the sense of community to the size of the school. "We're a relatively small program, so it means that the students get to know each other quite well. The faculty gets to know the students and, importantly, career services people get to know who the student is and what their interests are and the type of employers they might work with."

Ryerson students have the opportunity to engage industry partners by participating in Integrative Week. This year, Bombardier Aerospace executives presented a live case to full-time MBA students. This unique, integrative element gives students the ability to incorporate the information and practices taken from the curriculum. Parts of all three participating teams' solutions have actually been implemented by Bombardier.

Ryerson's MBA in the Management of Technology and Innovation is unique in Canada. "It's targeted for people that have an interest in the technology sector, particularly telecom, aerospace and IS/IT type work," explains Tiessen.

REASONS TO CHOOSE RYERSON

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MBA BALANCING ACT

A full-time MBA program usually lasts between one and two years and is an intense process. Maintaining a balance between school, work and home life can be difficult.

Leah Ray, managing director of the MBA program at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, says students have to be prepared to make sacrifices. "I give students the advice that there are three things in your life: Work, home life and school. You can do two really well," she says. "They have to realize if you're taking too much on in every aspect, you're not likely to do as well in any of those aspects."

More and more MBA students are solving that crunch by studying part time. At SMU, approximately 65 per cent are part-time students. "A lot of students are choosing to stay working, with the way the economy is. People are just happy to have a job — they may be looking for education to further that job, but we've noticed a real shift," Ray says.

Elango Elangovan, a business professor at the University of Victoria, says many of his students want to dedicate 80 or 90 per cent of their energy toward studying.

"The work-life balance is pretty subjective," he says. "Students coming into this program recognize this is a pretty intensive learning experience and that you come prepared to allocate the time that's needed."

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QUEEN'S, U OF T HELP STUDENTS

Queen's University offers a Fit to Lead program to help MBA students find balance. It provides nutritional information, stress management techniques and organizes extracurricular activities like running groups and sports teams.

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STUDENT VOICE

TOMMY TAM
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Most college and university students start their summer job search in February. But actually, job searching much earlier — in September — can lead to summer employment.

In the beginning of September 2010, I began looking for work-study positions at my university. The Federal Work-Study Program allows students like me to gain some extra cash while still putting school as their first priority.

The program restricts students to a maximum of 12 working hours per week and usually runs from September to early March.

After sending my resumé and cover letter to a few work-study positions, I was invited for an interview and was granted the position of Research Assistant at the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (HPME).

I truly enjoyed my time and my work with the professor and her team, but found myself searching for a summer job as April 2011 came around.

To my surprise, my professor offered to hire me from May to August, as a summer student with her team.

And even more amazing than that, I was accepted as a graduate student in that same department! Searching for jobs early on in September really paid off.

Based on my experience, I would recommend career centres continue actively promoting and advertising the Federal Work-Study Program so that students can be informed of these types of opportunities.

The Federal Work-Study Program has worked wonders for my career and I sincerely hope that it will do the same for others as well.

I also hope that my fellow students learn how important it is to start your job search early, in September when companies are hiring students who are going to graduate that year.

Students often start their job search in February or even later on in the year but I hope I can encourage students to start their job searches as early as possible.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Tommy's experience:

- Don't leave job-searching to the last minute. If you want a job after graduation, then start applying when employers are hiring: in September.
- Networking is vital to landing any job — if employers can put a face to a name, you'll stand out from the numerous resumés they receive every day.

▶ Tommy Tam knows first-hand what staying ahead of the pack can do for the career-minded student.

Where Tommy is now

I am currently a graduate student at the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (HPME), the same department where I held a work-study position.

Don't dream it, be it!

es Stroud shares tips on how to turn your aspirations into realities

LAURA BOMBIER

Survivorman's Les Stroud, like 73 per cent of Canadians, did not have a mentor, but believes that having someone to guide him would have made a world of difference. As such, Stroud is perfectly poised to serve as a mentor in the American Express Room for Thought program, an initiative that will see three big ideas turned into action next month.

If you're also yearning to turn your dream into reality, consider these tips to get you started.

▶ Les Stroud of Outdoor Life Network's Survivorman

Set goals — and keep them front and centre

A big dream is unlikely to be something you can do in a day. You don't decide to climb Mount Everest and then fly to Nepal tomorrow. The easy way to ground your dream in reality? Put it in ink. Write down what you want to accomplish (and possibly when) and put it in a place you look daily. That way you'll never forget what you're working toward.

It's simple: Start!

Woody Allen may have put it best when he said "80 per cent of success is showing up." A daring dream may seem daunting at first, especially when you're unsure of what steps to take right away. But if you concentrate on a simple first step, you'll be on your way. Want to start a community garden? Take a quick walk and scout for a piece of land. Do you dream of backpacking across Africa? Call a travel agent and find out what you'll need.

Zero in on the task at hand

There are probably a few steps along the way to realizing your dream. In order to overcome feeling overwhelmed, concentrate on the goal you're looking to meet today as opposed to one that could be a year or two away.

Don't forget the future

This may seem counterintuitive to the last piece of advice, but ultimately remembering the end goal will help you stay on track. That's why writing down your dream was Tip No. 1: It serves as a daily touchstone to remind you of what you want. NEWS CANADA

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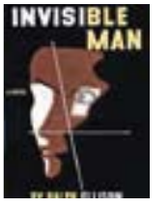
A professor's novel list

Along with all the new freedoms of the first year of college, there are typically pangs of frustration and fear. After prodding countless English departments, we've come up with a novel list: three classic works that speak to the soul of a transitioning young adult.

Me Talk Pretty One Day by David Sedaris

In 27 short works, the author explores his family roots, while also noting how these memories affect his judgment in day-to-day struggles. "What our struggling freshman needs right now is a good laugh," says Rosemary Graham, professor of English at Saint Mary's College of California.



Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

Invisible Man is the classic tale of a young African-American's search for identity amidst a sea of prejudice. Lars Larson, professor of English at the University of Portland, says, "students, newly on their own and on the hunt for an identity, will find an easy kinship with the nameless narrator."

The Left Hand of Darkness by Ursula K. Le Guin

Darkness is a seminal work amongst tweedy sci-fi readers. "[The protagonist's] adventures are concerned primarily with otherness," says Davis Schneiderman, professor of English at Lake Forest College. "He's someone from the outside having to navigate a daunting set of foreign social codes."

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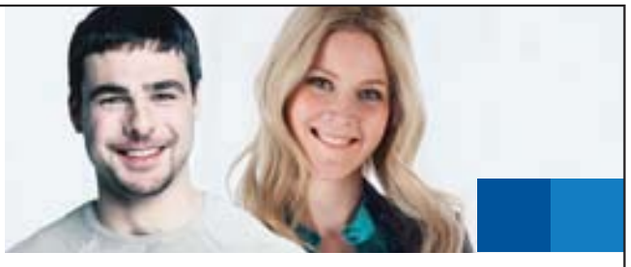

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Fun seems to be back in Crosby's game

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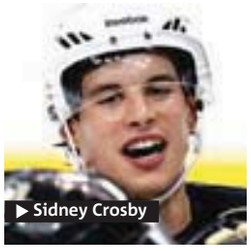

▶ Sidney Crosby

Sidney Crosby was uncommonly upbeat a few minutes before his fourth training camp practice in as many days, regularly flashing smiles yesterday while fending off the playful kidding of his Pittsburgh Penguins teammates.

The reason for Crosby's cheerfulness seems evident. He appears to be getting closer to being cleared for contact — the biggest remaining hurdle as he recovers from a concussion that has sidelined the Penguins' star for 8 ½ months.

"I'm pretty happy with the way they've gone so far," Crosby said of the on-ice workouts.

That was evident as Crosby skated full speed through another all-out practice, this time with co-star Evgeni Malkin skating alongside him in the same group. Malkin, is recovering from knee surgery.

Crosby hasn't backed off any drill, except those that require contact. But he hasn't appeared reluctant to engage in any contact, skating just as hard into the corners as any of his teammates during drills.

Crosby clearly has progressed significantly from a few weeks ago when he was forced to cut back on conditioning work due to concussion-related side effects that occurred once he reached the 90 per cent exertion rate.

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Brothers battle on the ice

Kessels, Schenns square off in Leafs-Flyers pre-season game

It wasn't just another meaningless pre-season game for Rita Schenn and Kathy Kessel.

When the Toronto Maple Leafs and Philadelphia Flyers squared off at Air Canada Centre last night, they both had a son in each corner. A source of jokes and laughter in the dressing rooms, the brotherly matchup promised to be serious business for the families.

"Occasionally brothers do get in scraps out there — sometimes on purpose, sometimes it's accident and they didn't know who they were in a scuffle with," Leafs coach Ron Wilson said yesterday morning. "It will probably be hard on the Schenn and Kessel moms tonight if they get a chance to watch the game."

Their kids were simply excited. Leafs defenceman Luke Schenn approached Wilson prior to training camp and asked to play against the Flyers so he could face younger brother Brayden.

Last night

Sergei Bobrovsky made 27 saves to lead the Philadelphia Flyers past the Toronto Maple Leafs 4-0.

The only time Toronto sniper Phil Kessel has been on the ice with his younger brother Blake — a free-agent defenceman who signed an entry-level deal with Philadelphia last week — is during scrimmages over the summer.

"It's the first time I'm playing him, so it should be fun," said Phil Kessel. "I'm excited, actually."

While having brothers go head-to-head is quite common in the NHL — there are currently at least 10 sets that play on different teams — it's extremely unusual for there to be four of them involved in one game. In fact, Wilson, a veteran NHL coach, doesn't ever recall having seen it.

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▶ Brothers Luke Schenn, centre, and Brayden Schenn, right, end up together in the goal mouth during last night's pre-season game.

Wells helps Angels top Jays

ANGELS	BLUE JAYS
10	6

Mark Trumbo belted a three-run homer and former Toronto slugger Vernon Wells hit a solo shot as the Los Angeles Angels defeated the Blue Jays 10-6 last night.

Wells launched his 23rd homer of the season just over the left-field wall in the second inning. He followed the rainbow shot with a ground-rule RBI double, part of a three-run third inning.

That frame was the end for Jays starter Brett Cecil (4-10), who gave up six hits, four earned runs and walked three batters.

Trumbo blew things open in the fourth inning with his 29th homer of the year, a no-doubt blast to left-centre field off Kyle Drabek. The young Jays reliever was tagged for six earned runs over two innings of work.

Los Angeles starter Joel Pineiro (7-7) allowed four earned runs over six innings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

TFC beats Tauro again

Danny Koevermans headed in a goal in the 40th minute as Toronto FC defeated Panamanian side Tauro FC 1-0 last night in a Group C CONCACAF Champions League match.

It was Toronto's second win in Group C, both coming against Tauro.

Tauro is still looking for its first win after losing to Toronto 2-1 in Panama City and earning draws with FC Dallas and Mexican team Pumas.

Toronto was coming in off losses to Dallas and Pumas in Champions League play but had won its past two matches in Major League Soccer.

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"Only two gods know, Jerry's God and the real God know what my future is going to be here."

CHICAGO WHITE SOX MANAGER OZZIE GUILLEN YESTERDAY ON WHETHER WHITE SOX CHAIRMAN JERRY REINSDORF WILL LET HIM KNOW ABOUT A CONTRACT EXTENSION BEFORE HE LEAVES THE COUNTRY AFTER THE MLB SEASON. GUILLEN HAS ONE YEAR LEFT ON HIS DEAL AND SAYS HE DOES NOT WANT TO BE A LAME DUCK MANAGER GOING INTO 2012.

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▶ Mame Diouf of Manchester United is tackled by Jonathan Howson of Leeds.

Man U bests Leeds

Manchester United transferred its free-scoring form to the Carling Cup by cruising past Leeds 3-0 in the third round yesterday, while Arsenal had to come from a goal down to overwhelm fourth-tier Shrewsbury 3-1 and avoid another calamitous defeat.

Former England striker Michael Owen scored twice and veteran winger Ryan Giggs added the third as a makeshift United team swept past second-tier Championship side Leeds at Elland Road.

Arsenal also played its reserves and had to work much harder to make the fourth round after slipping behind to James Collins' shock 16th-minute goal for visiting Shrewsbury.

On a night devoid of any real upsets, Stoke defeated Tottenham 7-6 on penalties after the match finished 0-0 following extra time while Bolton beat Aston Villa 2-0 away in another all-Premier League match. Newcastle, which is fourth in the Premier League, needed extra time before seeing off second-tier Nottingham Forest 4-3. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	92	60	.605	—
Boston	88	66	.571	5
Tampa Bay	85	67	.559	7
Toronto	78	75	.510	14½
Baltimore	63	90	.412	29½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Detroit	89	64	.582	—
Cleveland	76	76	.500	12½
Chicago	74	79	.484	15
Kansas City	67	87	.435	22½
Minnesota	59	93	.388	29½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	88	65	.575	—
Los Angeles	83	70	.542	5
Oakland	69	84	.451	19
Seattle	64	89	.418	24

x — clinched playoff berth

Yesterday's results
Cleveland 4, Chicago White Sox 3, 1st game
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, 2nd game
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees
L.A. Angels at Toronto
Baltimore at Boston
Detroit at Kansas City
Seattle at Minnesota
Texas at Oakland
Monday's results
Baltimore 6, Boston 5, 1st game
N.Y. Yankees 6, Minnesota 4
Seattle 12, Cleveland 6, 7 innings
Toronto 3, L.A. Angels 2, 10 innings
Boston 18, Baltimore 9, 2nd game
Today's games
Tampa Bay (Shields 15-11) at N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 5-5), 1:05 p.m., 1st game
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 11-9) at Cleveland (U.Jimenez 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Hellickson 13-10) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 19-8), 7:05 p.m., 2nd game
L.A. Angels (Haren 15-9) at Toronto (McGowan 0-0), 7:07 p.m.
Baltimore (Tom.Hunter 4-4) at Boston (Beckett 13-5), 7:10 p.m.
Detroit (Scherzer 14-9) at Kansas City (F.Paulino 3-6), 8:10 p.m.
Seattle (Pineda 9-10) at Minnesota (Slowey 0-6), 8:10 p.m.
Texas (C.Wilson 16-7) at Oakland (McCarthy 9-8), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Philadelphia	98	55	.641	—
Atlanta	87	67	.565	11½
Washington	73	79	.480	24½
New York	73	80	.477	25
Florida	70	84	.455	28½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	90	64	.584	—
St. Louis	84	69	.549	5½
Cincinnati	74	80	.481	16
Chicago	68	86	.442	22
Pittsburgh	68	86	.442	22
Houston	53	100	.346	36½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	89	65	.578	—
San Francisco	83	70	.542	5½
Los Angeles	76	76	.500	12
Colorado	70	83	.458	18½
San Diego	66	88	.429	23

x — clinched playoff berth

Yesterday's results
Washington 4, Philadelphia 3, 10 innings, 1st game
Washington at Philadelphia, 2nd game
Atlanta at Florida
Houston at Cincinnati
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs
N.Y. Mets at St. Louis
San Diego at Colorado
Pittsburgh at Arizona
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers
Monday's results
St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 3
Florida 6, Atlanta 5
Houston 3, Cincinnati 2
Chicago Cubs 5, Milwaukee 2
San Diego 8, Colorado 2
Arizona 1, Pittsburgh 0
Today's games
Houston (W.Rodriguez 11-10) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 8-12), 12:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wolf 13-9) at Chicago Cubs (Garza 8-10), 2:20 p.m.
San Diego (Bass 1-0) at Colorado (A.Cook 3-9), 3:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ohlendorf 1-2) at Arizona (Miley 3-2), 3:40 p.m.
Washington (Lannan 9-13) at Philadelphia (Worley 11-2), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (D.Lowe 9-15) at Florida (Vazquez 11-11), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Schwinden 0-2) at St. Louis (J.Garcia 12-7), 8:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Vogelsong 11-7) at L.A. Dodgers (Eveland 2-1), 10:10 p.m.

LATE MONDAY

BLUE JAYS 3, ANGELS 2 (10 INN.)

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
MIzturs 3b	4	0	0	0	McCoy ss	5	1	0	0
BAreu dh	4	0	1	0	EThms lf	4	0	3	0
HKndrc 2b	4	0	0	0	Bautist rf	4	0	1	0
TrHntr rf	4	1	2	1	Lind dh	5	0	0	1
Trumo 1b	4	1	1	1	Encrnc 1b	3	0	1	0
V.Wells lf	4	0	2	0	Wise pr-cf	0	0	0	0
Bourjos cf	3	0	0	0	KJhnsn 2b	4	1	2	0
Aybar ss	4	0	1	0	Lawrie 3b	2	1	0	0
BoWlsn c	3	0	0	0	Rasms cf	3	0	0	0
Callasp ph	1	0	0	0	JMolin ph	1	0	0	0
Mathis c	0	0	0	0	Cooper 1b	0	0	0	0
					Arencii c	4	0	2	2
Totals	35	2	7	2	Totals	35	3	9	3

Los Angeles	010	010	000	0—2
Toronto	000	200	000	1—3

One out when winning run scored.
E—J.Williams (2), Aybar (13). DP—Los Angeles 1, Toronto 1. LOB—Los Angeles 4, Toronto 9. 2B—V.Wells (14), Arencibia (20). HR—Tor.Hunter (21), Trumbo (28). CS—K.Johnson (2), Arencibia (1). S—Bourjos, Lawrie.

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
J.Williams	6 1-3	6	2	0	3	3
Takahashi	1	0	0	0	1	1
Cassevah	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
S.Downs L,6-3	1 1-3	2	1	0	0	1
Toronto						
R.Romero	9	6	2	2	0	5
Janssen W,6-0	1	1	0	0	0	1

T—2:49. A—11,178 (49,260).

CIS FOOTBALL

WEEK FOUR

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Acadia	2	2	0	0	81	19	4
Saint Mary's	2	1	1	0	64	25	2
Mt. Allison	2	0	2	0	37	90	0
St. F. Xavier	2	0	2	0	19	98	0

QUEBEC CONFERENCE

Laval	3	3	0	0	100	49	6
Sherbrooke	3	2	1	0	91	76	4
Concordia	3	2	1	0	88	63	4
Montreal	3	2	1	0	49	47	4
Bishop's	3	1	2	0	77	73	2
McGill	3	0	3	0	35	101	0

ONTARIO CONFERENCE

Western Ontario	3	3	0	0	175	56	6
Windsor	3	2	1	0	98	66	4
McMaster	3	2	1	0	68	69	4
Ottawa	3	2	1	0	67	55	4
Toronto	3	2	1	0	36	58	4
Wilfrid Laurier	3	1	2	0	121	106	2
Guelph	3	1	2	0	85	69	2
Queen's	3	1	2	0	66	80	2
York	3	1	2	0	35	74	2
Waterloo	3	0	3	0	53	171	0

CANADA WEST CONFERENCE

Calgary	3	3	0	0	116	57	6
Saskatchewan	3	2	1	0	87	43	4
British Columbia	3	2	1	0	86	70	4
Manitoba	3	2	1	0	79	71	4
Alberta	3	0	3	0	57	100	0
Regina	3	0	3	0	21	105	0

Friday's games
All Times Eastern
Sherbrooke at Concordia, 7 p.m.
Saskatchewan at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Saturday's games
Saint Mary's vs. Mount Allison, 12 noon (at Moncton, N.B.)
Windsor at Waterloo, 1 p.m.
Queen's at York, 1 p.m.
McMaster at Guelph, 1 p.m.
Western Ontario at Wilfrid Laurier, 1 p.m.
Toronto at Ottawa, 1 p.m.
Montreal at Bishop's, 1 p.m.
Regina at Alberta, 3 p.m.
Manitoba at British Columbia, 4 p.m.
St. Francis Xavier at Acadia, 6 p.m.
Sunday's game
McGill at Laval, 1 p.m.

CFL

WEEK 13

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Winnipeg	11	8	3	0	265	252	16
Montreal	11	6	5	0	340	276	12
Hamilton	11	5	6	0	296	308	10
Toronto	11	2	9	0	226	320	4

WEST DIVISION

Edmonton	11	7	4	0	267	250	14
Calgary	11	7	4	0	288	290	14
B.C.	11	5	6	0	292	244	10
Saskatchewan	11	4	7	0	267	303	8

Friday's game
All Times Eastern
Montreal at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
B.C. at Saskatchewan, 4 p.m.
Winnipeg at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
Calgary at Hamilton, 1 p.m.

NHL

PRE-SEASON

Last night's results
Philadelphia at Toronto
Winnipeg (ss) at Columbus (ss)
Nashville vs. Washington (at Baltimore)
Dallas at Montreal
Tampa Bay at St. Louis
Columbus (ss) at Winnipeg (ss)
Chicago vs. Edmonton (ss) (at Saskatoon)
Vancouver (ss) at Calgary (ss)
Minnesota at Edmonton (ss)
Phoenix at Anaheim
Calgary (ss) at Vancouver (ss)

NFL

WEEK THREE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	2	0	0	1.000	73	45
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	79	42
N.Y. Jets	2	0	0	1.000	59	27
Miami	0	2	0	.000	37	61

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	57	20
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	19	46
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	40	29
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	26	61

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	49	41
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	48	33
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	44	46
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	31	35

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	58	58
San Diego	1	1	0	.500	45	52
Denver	1	1	0	.500	44	45
Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	10	89

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	2	0	0	1.000	50	35
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	62	48
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	51	51
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	42	44

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	64	55
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	44	47
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	47	61
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	44	58

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	2	0	0	1.000	72	57
Detroit	2	0	0	1.000	75	23
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	43	42
Minnesota	0	2	0	.000	37	48

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	57	44
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	49	43
St. Louis	0	2	0	.000	29	59
Seattle	0	2	0	.000	17	57

Sunday's games
Houston at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Denver at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Miami at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore at St. Louis, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Green Bay at Chicago, 4:15 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 4:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Indianapolis, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's game
Washington at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
WEEK TWO
Monday's result
N.Y. Giants 28 St. Louis 16

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Recalled RHP Corey Kluber from Columbus (IL).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Reinstated RHP Ryan Mattheus from the 15-day DL.

FOOTBALL

NFL
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Signed DT Haloti Ngata to a five-year contract.
BUFFALO BILLS—Placed WR Roscoe Parrish on injured reserve. Signed WR Naaman Roosevelt from the practice squad.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed WR Andrew Hawkins from the practice squad. Signed WR Armon Binns to the practice squad.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Re-signed WR Laurent Robinson. Released CB-KR Bryan McCann.
DENVER BRONCOS—Signed WR Quan Cosby. Waived RB Jeremiah Johnson. Signed TE John Nalbone to the practice squad.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed WR Chastin West from the Green Bay practice squad. Waived WR Jamar Newsome.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed DL Igor Olshansky and CB Nate Jones. Terminated the contracts of RB Larry Johnson and TE Dante Rosario.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Waived DE Adrian Awasom. Reinstated DT Kevin Williams from the suspended list.
NEW YORK JETS—Released G Trevor Canfield and CB Julian Posey from the practice squad.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Released WR Owen Spencer from the practice squad. Signed G Brent Osborne to the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
BUFFALO SABRES—Returned D Alex Lepkowski, F Steven Beyers and F Gregg Sutch to Barrie (OHL), F Dan Catenacci to Owen Sound (OHL), F Cedrick Henley to Val D Or (QMJHL), F Steven Shipley to Niagara (OHL), F Kevin Sundher to Victoria (WHL), D Jerome Gauthier-Leduc to Rimouski (QMJHL), D Mark Pysyk to Edmonton (WHL), G Nathan Lieuwen to Kootenay (WHL) and G Ryan Rondeau to Laredo (CHL).
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Assigned G Brian Foster, D Adam Comrie, D Michael Caruso, C Justin Bernhardt, C Jake Hauswirth, LW AJ Jenks, RW Bill Thomas and LW Garrett Wilson to San Antonio (AHL). Returned LW Vincent Trocheck and C John McFarland to Saginaw (OHL) and RW Josh Birkholz to Everett (WHL).
OTTAWA SENATORS—Returned D Jordan Fransoo and F Mark Stone to Brandon (WHL), F Jakub Culek to Rimouski (QMJHL), F Stefan Noesen to Plymouth (OHL) and F Matt Puempel to Peterborough (OHL). Released G Matej Machovsky.

RUGBY

WORLD CUP
At Sites In New Zealand

FIRST ROUND
Last night's result
At Whangarei
Tonga vs. Japan
Tuesday's result
At Nelson
Italy 53 Russia 17
Sunday's results
At Napier
France 46 **Canada 19**
At Dunedin
England 41 Georgia 10
At Hamilton
Wales 17 Samoa 10
Tonight's game
At Auckland
South Africa vs. Namibia, 4 a.m.

GOLF

PGA FEDEXCUP LEADERS
Through Sept. 18

	Points	Money
1. Webb Simpson	5,261	$5,621,043
2. Dustin Johnson	3,841	$4,167,561
3. Justin Rose	3,748	$3,249,420
4. Luke Donald	3,625	$5,418,548
5. Matt Kuchar	3,349	$4,038,587
6. Brandt Snedeker	3,094	$3,405,339
7. Nick Watney	2,516	$4,682,673
8. Chez Reavie	2,513	$2,152,267
9. John Senden	2,474	$2,127,914
10. Jason Day	2,459	$3,690,647
11. Gary Woodland	2,228	$3,163,016
12. Steve Stricker	2,205	$3,816,785
13. K.J. Choi	2,134	$4,016,024
14. Phil Mickelson	2,110	$3,536,288
15. Mark Wilson	1,973	$3,025,677

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Columbus	29	11	10	8	35	37	41
Kansas City	29	10	9	10	43	37	40
Philadelphia	28	9	7	12	36	30	39
Houston	30	9	9	12	38	39	39
New York	28	7	6	15	43	38	36
D.C. United	26	8	8	10	37	38	34
Chicago	28	5	8	15	33	37	30
Toronto	30	6	12	12	32	52	30
New England	29	5	12	12	32	46	27

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
x-Los Angeles	29	16	3	10	43	22	58
Seattle	29	14	6	9	46	31	51
Real Salt Lake	27	14	7	6	38	22	48
Dallas	29	13	9	7	36	32	46
Colorado	30	10	9	11	40	39	41
Portland	28	10	12	6	36	41	36
Chivas USA	29	7	12	10	34	36	31
San Jose	28	6	11	11	30	37	29
Vancouver	28	4	14	10	28	46	22

x — clinched playoff berth.
Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie.
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Chivas USA at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at New York, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

ENGLAND

THIRD ROUND
Yesterday's results
Aldershot 2 Rochdale 1
Arsenal 3 Shrewsbury 1
Aston Villa 0 Bolton 2
Blackburn 3 Leyton Orient 2
Burnley 2 Milton Keynes Dons 1
Crystal Palace 2 Middlesbrough 1
Leeds United 0 Manchester United 3
Nottingham Forest 2 Newcastle 3 (OT)
Stoke 0 Tottenham 0
(Stoke advances 7-6 on penalties)
Wolverhampton 5 Millwall 0

SCOTLAND

LEAGUE CUP
THIRD ROUND
Yesterday's results
Aberdeen 3 East Fife 3
(East Fife advances 4-3 on penalties)
Airdrie 0 Dundee United 2
Kilmarnock 5 Queen of the South 0
Motherwell 2 Hibernian 2
(Hibernian advances 7-6 on penalties)
St. Johnstone 0 St. Mirren 2

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Motor

The iMiEV's 49-kilowatt (66-horsepower) electric motor is located in the rear and directs its 145 pound-feet of torque to the rear wheels.

The iMiEV's top speed is 130 km/h, but driving at that velocity for any length of time will quickly sap its 330-volt lithium-ion battery pack positioned beneath the passenger floor.

Mitsubishi places the typical range at about 135 kilometres per charge, less than the 160 kilometres claimed by the Nissan Leaf and other electrics.

Charge time

A 240-volt home charging system will top up the iMiEV in about six hours. Plug it into a regular 120-volt home outlet, however, and it's an agonizingly-long 22.5 hours. That doesn't leave much time in the day for driving.

What will eventually be needed is a network of public charging stations that allow all electric vehicle owners to top up the batteries in the shortest possible time.

Space

The iMiEV's true purpose is abundantly clear: a short-haul urban commuter pod that can also tackle more mundane chores.

It will easily accommodate four adults as long as they're packing light. However with only the front seats in use, cargo capacity with the 50:50 rear seatbacks folded flat matches the space available in the larger Nissan Leaf.

▶ Given the cost of charging versus the cost of gas to go the same distance, the iMiEV is rated at a combined (city/highway) 112 mpg in the United States, or about 2.1 l/100 km. Cheap and clean. Driving like a maniac will impact range, and not in a good way.

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There's a revolution under way, and it's being fought with volts and kilowatts. This is the new-age arsenal of which those shopping for electrically powered automobiles such as Mitsubishi's iMiEV will become increasingly familiar.

The iMiEV hatchback that's scheduled to arrive here in late 2011 joins the all-electric Nissan Leaf and Tesla roadster plus the gasoline-supported Chevrolet Volt as pioneers in the automotive clean-energy movement. Additional models, including the Mini E and Smart Fortwo Electric, are currently (pun intended) in limited production, while Ford's Transit Connect van and compact Focus will become electrified for the 2012 model year. Other automakers, both large and small, have similar plans to join the electric motorpool.

At this point, the iMiEV will be one of the smallest electrical offerings to be mass produced for general consumption. But in terms of accommodations and price, it should prove to be one of the more attractive.

The lightweight (1,180 kilograms) and efficiently designed iMiEV is bound to succeed on price alone. The fact that its minimalist and futuristic styling will play well with the eco crowd should help keep Mitsubishi's green machine solidly in the black right from the outset.

Revolution? Ready, aim, charge.

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By comparison

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Chevrolet Volt
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▶ During this stage of the recycling process, what's left of a car is referred to as the hulk.

Recycling your ride: There's money in old cars

Behold ... The final resting place of your deceased vehicle

Once considered scrap, end-of-life cars are now considered an asset, dismantled and sold for the value of their parts and metal. It's a process that involves both reuse and recycling once they go to their final resting place.

Some 1.2 million vehicles come off the road in Canada every year, according to Steve Fletcher, managing director of the Automotive Recyclers of Canada. Good recyclers will get as much as they can from each one.

"First, they'll remove any parts that can be directly resold," he says.

"Engines, transmissions, mirrors, taillights, anything that doesn't have to be reworked and can be directly reused."

Next, the recycler drains the 20 to 40 litres of fluid that each one may hold, including gasoline, antifreeze, transmission oil, brake fluid, washer fluid and engine oil. Fluids that are fresh enough are used in company vehicles, while old or excess liquids are sold for recycling or reuse.

"We're paid six to eight cents a litre for oil," Fletcher says; it will be re-refined into recycled oil or burned in asphalt furnaces.

"We want the lead acid battery, not just for the environmental reasons, but because it's worth $4 to $5 as a core that can be refurbished," Fletcher says.

Freon is extracted from the a/c system using special equipment, and is either sold or reused.

Recyclers also check for mercury-filled switches, which were used in some older vehicles to activate the under-hood light, and which must be handled as toxic waste.

"From here, the recyclers start to take it down by the metal," Fletcher says.

"That's anything like the copper in radiators, or aluminum in the wheels or engine."

What's left is called the hulk and it's flattened in a giant press, mainly to make it more convenient to ship. If the seats, trim or windshield weren't good enough to reuse, they're simply left in and pressed during the process.

From there, the hulk is shipped to a facility that shreds it into fist-sized chunks. Magnets and other secondary recovery systems such as pressurized air are used to separate the metals, which are then sent for recycling, while foam, carpet and glass go to landfill.

"On an average vehicle, you'll get 75 per cent recycled as metal," Fletcher says. "Once you factor in the parts we take out, such as tires and (reusable) parts, up to 83 per cent of the vehicle is recycled. You get about $500 to $600 for the metal in a flattened hulk for about $100 in time and effort, so a car has positive value."

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EDUCATION IS THE KEY

THE WHEEL DEAL

As discussed in my last column, for students looking to the future, there are numerous career opportunities within the automotive industry requiring a wide variety of skills.

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Manufacturing, engineering, design, advertising, marketing, public relations, accounting, IT, government relations, and environmental relations are just a few.

No matter what you may choose, there will likely be fierce competitors vying for the same positions making it difficult to separate yourself from the pack. The best way to make a positive impression is to gain as much education and experience as possible.

Employers are always looking for proactive candidates that demonstrate ambition and a specialized skill set, which can be difficult. Regardless of what area of the auto industry interests you, there are a number of college, university and apprentice programs where you can gain the experience you need.

The TADA (Toronto Automobile Dealers Association) recognizes that the continued success of Ontario's auto industry relies heavily on the quality of its future workforce. This is exactly why it chose to invest in the future by providing funding to higher learning facilities like the Canadian Automotive Institute at Georgian College, which has maintained a 90 per cent graduate placement rate for 25 years running.

Offering diploma and bachelor programs, students can gain valuable knowledge of various aspects of the industry, preparing them for career opportunities in sales, marketing, finance, insurance, e-commerce and remarketing, leasing, PR and event management.

Every employer wants to hire someone with experience, but how do you gain experience without having a job first? The CAI also offers co-op placements, providing relevant, real-world work experience in a variety of areas.

Centennial College takes a more technical, hands-on approach by offering courses and apprenticeship programs for technicians. Not only partnering with the TADA, Centennial has developed an excellent relationship with a number of manufacturers in order to provide a realistic workplace experience for students.

There are many opportunities in the auto industry across a variety of disciplines that can be both lucrative and personally fulfilling. How far you want to go and how you get there is up to you, but the choices are almost limitless.

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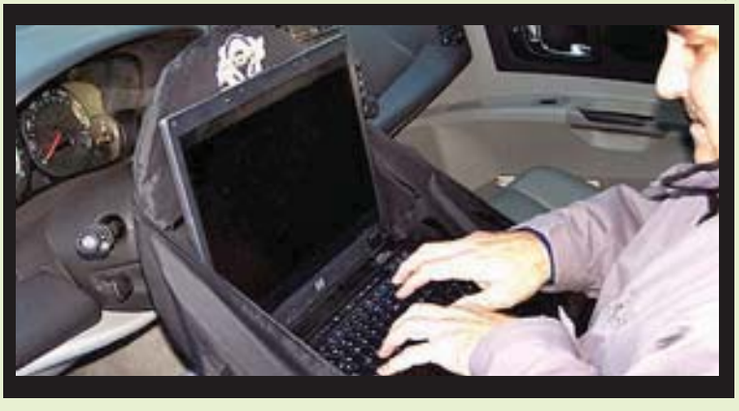

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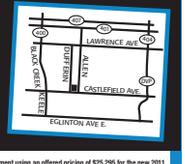

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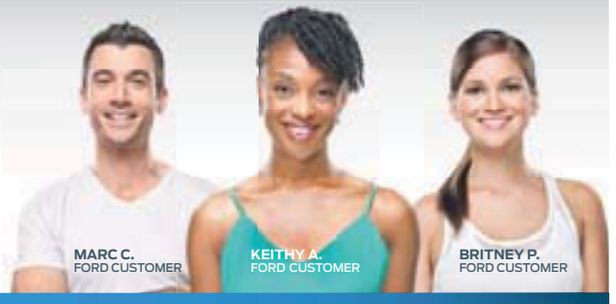

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All the big cheeses at big automotive companies are male. I think that's why we always hear talk about who is – or who is gunning to be – the world's No. 1 automaker.

It has something to do with sales and profits, yes, but a bit more to do with testosterone. The latest "king of the hill" rhetoric emanated from the Frankfurt Auto Show, which is in full swing this week.

Volkswagen issued a statement at the show, detailing how they plan to spend 62.4 billion euros (about $84 billion) in the coming five years to boost its worldwide production.

Currently the VW group, which includes VW, Audi, Skoda and Seat brands, ranks third in the world motor vehicle production rankings. But it wants the No. 1 status, currently held by Toyota. Also ahead of VW at the moment, is No. 2 man, General Motors.

Yes, that same General Motors that filed for bankruptcy protection back in 2009.

"Top of the agenda for us are investments in environmentally-friendly, sustainable models and drives," noted CEO Martin Winterkorn, in VW's statement.

One of those sustainable models sure to drive future volume is the VW Up, shown for the first time in production trim at the show in Frankfurt. The "mini" or "city" Up is a class smaller than Golf, so we probably won't see it here in North America, which would be a shame, because it's looks pretty good.

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▶ The new Volkswagen Up may not make it to North America.

And where VW is adding future production speaks volume about which world markets are expected to produce the most incremental sale growth in future years. Those markets would be China, Russia, etc., and North America and Europe not so much.

I guess being No. 1 would be a good thing for any automaker, but I sometimes wonder if people forget about the baggage that comes with being No. 1 at anything.

It doesn't take long before the cooler kids start looking the other way, or throw rocks at you when you're not looking, because you are now the boring establishment, and had it coming. And you can forget about having any "underdog" support you once enjoyed.

So go ahead, take your place at the top of the hill if you want to, just bring a helmet.

List

World ranking of automobile manufacturers, based on units produced in 2010.

1) Toyota
2) General Motors
3) Volkswagen
4) Hyundai
5) Ford
6) Nissan
7) Honda
8) Peugeot Citroen
9) Suzuki
10) Renault

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This Jeep should Command your respect

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Taking a place above the Grand Cherokee in the Jeep brand's product line-up, the Commander was available from 2006 to 2010 inclusive. Based on the Grand Cherokee, it was blockier looking, bigger, and boasted three rows of seating and room for seven occupants.

Commander packed plenty of capability and traction on the road less travelled with the Quadra Drive II 4x4 system on board.

Look for features like heated leather seats, navigation, a driver computer, parking sensors, power accessories, remote entry, a sunroof and plenty more.

2006 to 2010 Jeep Commander

Engine

Look for a 3.7-litre V-6 with 210 horsepower, or a 4.7-litre V-8 with 235 horsepower until 2008, and 305 horsepower thereafter. Chrysler's 5.7-litre HEMI V-8 with 330 or 357 horsepower was also available, depending on the year. All models got an automatic transmission.

What owners like

Owners praise the stereo system, interior and exterior styling, and performance with the HEMI V-8. A comfortable ride, towing power, the braking system and Commander's off-road capability are also highly rated.

What owners dislike

Comfort and space in the Commander's second and third seating rows are common gripes, as is fuel economy and rearward visibility.

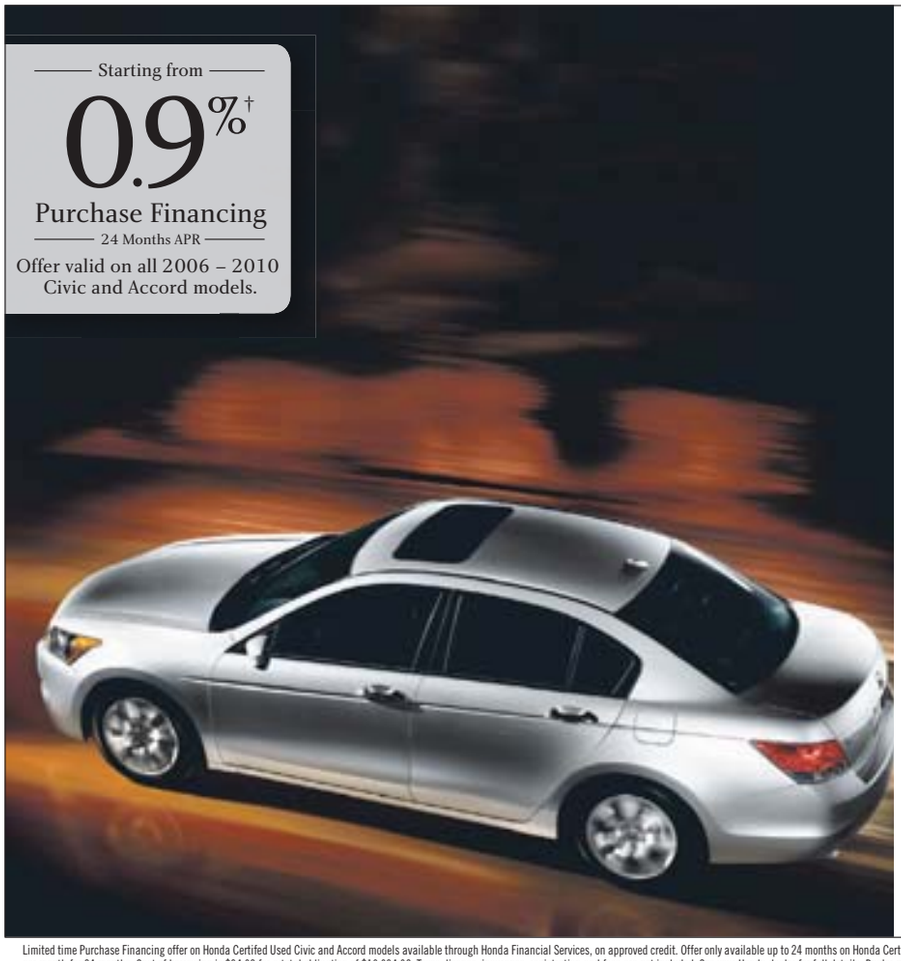
Common issues

Some issues have been reported with electronics, suspension and other systems by owners in online forums, though a Jeep mechanic should be able to check for and diagnose any of the Commander's common problems.

One such problem is a random engine stall-out situation that poses a safety risk. This could be caused by a transmission fluid filter or overly sensitive ignition switch. Ask the vehicle's seller if they've ever experienced this sort of problem.

Verdict

It's primarily styling, towing ability and off-road capability that will draw used vehicle shoppers to the Commander. If you're looking for good fuel mileage, you'd best move to another model.



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Is light the right way?

Spare tires replaced by air pumps as automakers shed weight to improve mileage But there are some who don't agree with the trend

Say you just bought a new car, and the right front tire goes flat as you're driving down the freeway.

Don't be surprised if there's no spare when you look in the trunk.

This year, more than 14 per cent of new models on sale in the United States came with liquid tire sealant and a portable electric air pump instead of a spare, a trend that is growing as automakers try to shed pounds and boost gas mileage.

But there can be problems. While the sealant works well in most cases, you could be stuck on the shoulder if the hole that caused the flat is larger than a quarter of an inch, or if the puncture is on the side of the tire. In those cases, the only option is to have your car towed, and you may have to wait for a repair shop to track down a new tire.

Extra cost

- GM, like many automakers, offers car buyers the option of getting a spare tire, charging $100 to $150 more for them.

"The last thing you want to do is find out the hard way that you don't have a spare tire if you're stranded on the side of the road," said Gene Petersen, tire program leader for Consumer Reports magazine.

However, General Motors Co., Hyundai Motor Co. and other automakers that use the pump-and-sealant kits say they have many advantages, mainly the weight savings. The kits are about nine kilograms lighter than a temporary spare and the jack and other tools needed to put on the tire. Also, the inflator kits don't take up as much room in the trunk, leaving more space for luggage or other cargo.

GM, which has made inflators and sealant standard on all but five of its 22 U.S. car and crossover models, said the kits can fix 85 per cent of tire punctures. They're easy to use, even for someone who might be afraid of changing a tire, and they're safer because tires can be quickly refilled, getting the driver off the roadside and back in traffic faster than putting on a spare, said Dave Cowger, GM's tire engineering group manager.

Hyundai says the inflator kits help avoid another problem: getting dirty while changing a tire yourself. All you do is attach some tubes and fill the tire with sealant and air.

GM's market research, Cowger said, shows that half of consumers would call for roadside assistance rather than using a spare.

Still, for the 85 per cent of flats that the sealant can fix, there are 15 per cent that it can't.

That's why Honda Motor Co. uses spares on all its 2011 models, spokesman Chuck Schifsky said.

"An actual spare tire is the best backup system should a customer have a flat tire," he said. "This is especially true in cases where the tire is damaged beyond what the tire sealant and pump systems can repair."

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▶ A tire inflator is pictured. This year, more than 14 per cent of new models on sale in the U.S. came with liquid tire sealant and a portable electric air pump instead of a spare. It's a trend that is growing.

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Greetings from Frankfurt

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▶ A seating model of the new Fiat Panda is pictured.

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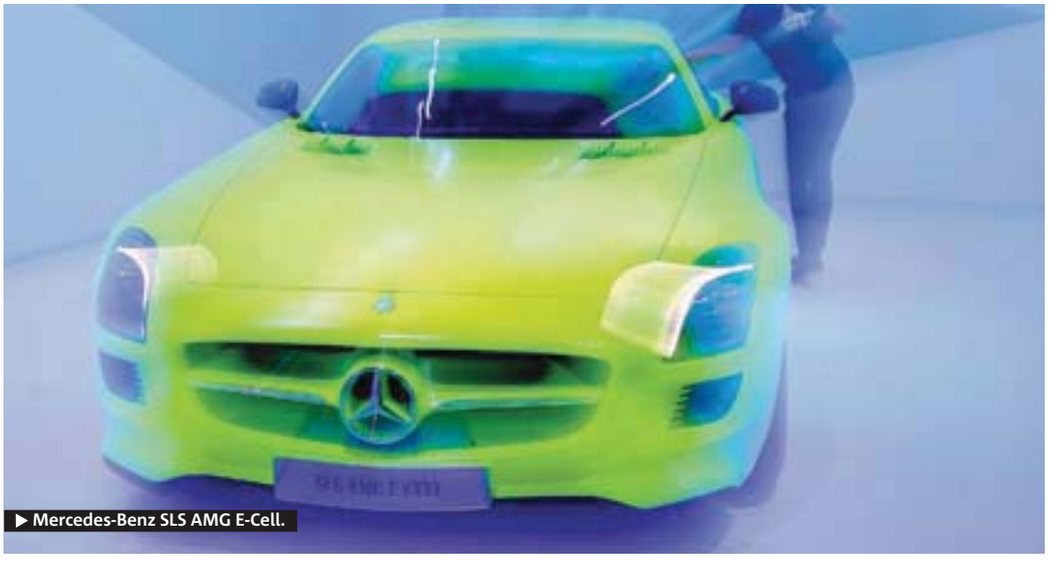

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▶ A stylish sports car from Toyota? You bet. It's the new concept car FT-86 II.

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▶ The Ford Evos concept car won't make it into production, but it does show design elements that will appear on Ford's regular models soon. Those could include the car's slender, LED headlights.

- With the Frankfurt Auto Show wrapping up Sunday, there's probably very little chance now that you'll make it to the spectacle
- Organizers expect more than 800,000 to visit the show, and if you're not one of them, don't worry — Metro has you covered
- Here are some of the photos from Germany

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▶ A vehicle from the movie Tron? No, this is the i-8, a BMW Concept car.

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OK kids, pile in!

Many parents say they need carpooling, along with larger vehicles

With three kids who need to get to soccer, lacrosse, football, cheer and swim team — not to mention school — Allison Stevenson says her eight-seater minivan is crucial for carpooling.

"I always have extra children in my car. I couldn't function with a smaller car," says Stevenson, 37, of Greer, S.C., who bought her Honda Odyssey in 2007.

Stevenson, who has six- and eight-year-old daughters and a 10-year-old son, shares a morning carpool to school with a neighbour and swaps rides with other parents after school.

8 TrueCar.com found that eight of the 10 most popular cars bought by drivers ages 28 to 45 in 2009 and 2010 had at least seven seats.

She says most of her neighbours also have vehicles with the important-for-carpooling third row of seats.

Sure, carpooling has been around for decades. Kids got carted around in the big station wagons of the '70s and early '80s, then the minivans of the '90s and, most recently, the SUV. But the carpool has become an important piece of the parenting puzzle for some parents of heavily scheduled kids. Many parents see carpooling as a way to save money, time, and wear and tear in a time of higher gas prices and a shaky economy.

Kara Corridan, health editor of Parents magazine, says carpooling may be more common now because more women have re-entered the work force; fewer children walk to school; and there are more extracurricular activities, and sports being offered at younger ages. Without sharing the driving, parents say they couldn't do all they want for their kids.

With more seven-seat (or larger) vehicles on the market today than there were 10 years ago, more families are now driving big cars, says TrueCar.com analyst Jesse Toprak.

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If you spend any time behind the wheel, you know it takes one mistake, one flat tire or one erratic driver to ruin your whole day. But if something does go wrong, experts agree: Do not stop your car on the highway unless you must.

Even for a flat tire.

"It's hard to imagine and comprehend how fast those cars are going until you're actually standing there hearing them," says Lt. Scott Harrington, spokesman for the Kansas Highway Patrol in Topeka. Other drivers "are not paying attention to you ... they don't even move over."

Highway patrol officers, tow-truck company owners, the American Automobile Association — all recommend driving a disabled vehicle off the highway whenever possible. And if it isn't possible, pull as far as you can onto the right shoulder, into the grass if you can.

Often, folks don't do that.

"There have been a lot of towing truck drivers killed over the years because they didn't have the room to work," says Gary Petersen, who owns Pete's Towing Service, in Des Moines, Wash.

Some highways have just under two metres of shoulder — plenty of space for pulling over.

Harrington recalls stopping recently to help a couple with a blown tire. The husband hadn't pulled far enough off the highway.

"They were flustered and they stopped, immediately," says Harrington. "Their door opened onto the interstate. The gentleman couldn't get out of his car without being on the interstate."

Monica Mansfield, of Shrewsbury, Mass., credits a grisly accident several years ago with changing her highway thinking: She vows never to stop along a highway.

"I would rather drive on a rim and get off at an exit as opposed to sitting in a lane," she says.

"I drive on a highway all the way to work, and I see some of the unnecessary things people pull over for."

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Take an exit

- If you need to make an immediate stop while driving on the highway, it's recommended that you try to take an exit off the highway to a safer place, such as a parking lot or rest area, before stopping.

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▶ If for some reason you need to stop on the highway, pull over as far as possible onto the right shoulder.

More tips

• Make note of your surroundings — a highway marker, landmark or nearby town — so that if you need roadside assistance, you can describe exactly where you are.

• After pulling onto the far right shoulder, stay in your car and call for help. Stay in the car with your seatbelt on. "This isn't the time to let the kids hop through the seats and things like that," says Wave Dreher, a AAA spokesperson in Denver.

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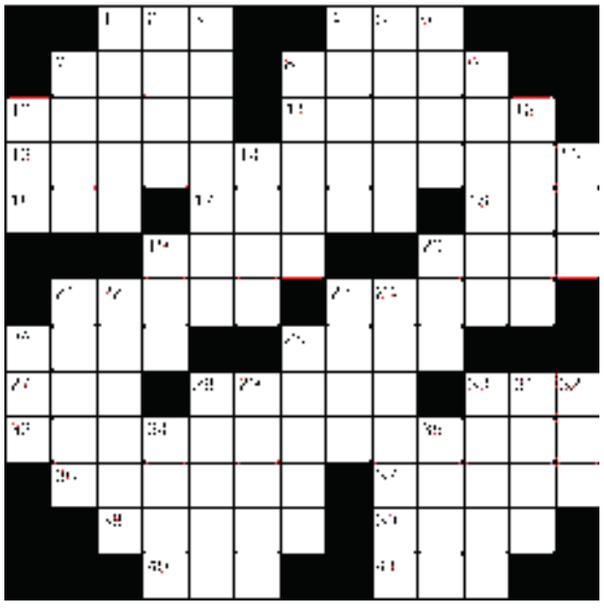


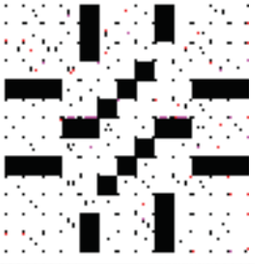
Across

1 Suitcase
4 Gear tooth
7 Antitoxins
8 Bake, in a way
10 Curtain material
11 Environment
13 Breakfast choice
16 Historic time
17 Sensational
18 Winter ailment
19 Dilbert's workplace
20 Blood line?
21 Sports-page datum
23 Expositions
25 Greek H's
26 Senate employee
27 Actor Danson
28 Handy
30 Shock and —
33 Quahog
36 Throw off the track
37 Novelist Bret Easton —
38 Zodiac dozen
39 Chimney dust
40 "Married ... With Children" mom
41 James Bond, e.g.

Down

1 Legendary catcher
2 Desert-like
3 Casino patron
4 Tex-Mex entree
5 Lubricated
6 Crossword diagram
7 Wound reminder
8 Smug look
9 Illicit cigarette
10 That woman
12 Wrinkly fruits
14 English river
15 Pistol
19 Two, in Tijuana
20 Compete
21 Lieu
22 Core groups
23 Succumb to gravity
24 Eternal
25 Biblical verb suffix
26 Brooklyn-based beer brand
28 Grammarian's concern
29 Addams Family's "hired hand"
30 Metallic blend
31 Be patient
32 Summertime trio?
34 Faucet problem
35 Hoofbeat sound

▶ Yesterday's answer



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	9							5
8							1	9
	7	9	5		8	6	4	
3	2							7
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8	9	5	4	7	6	2	1	3
9	2	1	7	3	4	8	6	5
4	7	3	8	6	5	1	2	9
6	5	8	9	2	1	3	7	4
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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 If you are thinking of making changes, consult partners and colleagues.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 The good times just seem to go on and on. Enjoy yourself by all means but think of the future, too.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 In days, your luck will turn and you'll wonder why you doubted that the good times would soon be back.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If you let other people order you around, they'll get the impression you're powerless. Stand up for yourself.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Someone will make an attempt to part you from your cash. He or she will succeed if you let down your guard.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Any projects you started that are not completed can be abandoned.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Your self-confidence may have taken a few knocks but don't let it worry you. You'll be at your best soon.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 How you think determines how you feel, and how you feel determines your everyday reality.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 People in authority will look kindly on you today. That's great.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Recent triumphs have done wonders for your confidence. Now, you will be tested like never before.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 By week's end, many of your problems will resolve themselves.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. If you need to make changes to a partnership, do so before the Sun changes signs on Friday.

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Offer(s) available on all new 2011 and 2012 models through participating dealers to qualified customers who take delivery by September 30, 2011. Dealers may sell for less. Some conditions apply. Retailer order/trade may be necessary. Offers are subject to change and may be extended without notice. See dealer for complete details. Vehicle images shown may include optional accessories and upgrades. All offers exclude licensing, registration, insurance, PPSA, applicable taxes and variable dealer administration fees (up to $699). ^$500 cash bonus is available for all qualified customers who purchase and take delivery of a 2012 Kia model between September 7, 2011 and September 30, 2011. $500 cash bonus is available on all 2012 Kia models (excluding 2012 Rio). Cash bonus is deducted from negotiated price before taxes. Offer available at participating dealers on in-stock vehicles only. ^^Model shown includes optional accessories and may not appear exactly as shown. **0% purchase financing is available on all 2011 and 2012 Kia models on approved credit (OAC). Terms vary by model and trim, see dealer for details. Financing example based on 2011 Kia Sportage (SP95AB)/2012 Kia Rondo (RN75C) with a selling price of $22,279/$20,179, financed at 0%/0.9% APR for 60 months. Monthly payments equal $372/$345 with a down payment/equivalent trade of $0. Cost of borrowing is $0/$466, for a total obligation of $22,279/$20,700. Delivery and destination fees ($1,650), other fees ($34), OMVIC fee, Environmental Fee and A/C tax (where applicable) are included. Licence, insurance, applicable taxes, variable dealer administration fees (up to $699), PPSA and registration fees are extra. Financing examples include $1,500/$1,500 (includes $500 cash bonus* offer) loan credit. Retailer may sell for less. See dealer for full details. ▼"Don't Pay Until 2012" on select models (120-day payment deferral) applies to purchase financing offers on select 2011 and 2012 models on approved credit (OAC). (2011/2012 Sportage/Sorento/Sedona/Borrego excluded). No interest will accrue during the first 90 days of the finance contract. After this period, interest starts to accrue and the purchaser will repay the principal interest monthly over the term of the contract. *Bi-weekly finance payment for 2011 Soul ($9508) is $89 and is based on an MSRP of $16,179 with an APR of 0% for 84 months, plus applicable taxes due at end of 84-month period. Loan credit of $1,500, delivery and destination fees of $1,650, other fees of $34, OMVIC fee, Environmental Fee and A/C tax ($100, if applicable) are included. Licence, insurance, applicable taxes, variable dealer administration fees of up to $699, PPSA and registration fees are extra. Retailer may sell for less. See dealer for full details. ‡Loan credit (cash savings) for 2012 Kia Sorento LX A1 (SR75BC) is $1,750 (includes $500 loan credit, $750 loyalty bonus^ and $500 cash bonus* offer), and is available on purchase financing only on approved credit (OAC). Loan credit varies by model and trim. ¥Loyalty Bonus offer available on 2012 Kia Sorento at a value of $750 for any current Kia owners towards the purchase or lease of a new 2012MY Sorento. Loyalty Bonus offer applicable to cash purchase, lease and purchase financing only before September 30, 2011. Offer is transferable within same household only (must provide proof of address). Limit of one bonus per customer or household. Certain restrictions apply. See dealer for details. ~Highway/city fuel consumption of these vehicles may vary. These estimates are based on the Government of Canada's approved criteria and testing methods. Refer to the Government of Canada Fuel Consumption Guide. ^2011 Kia Soul/2011 Kia Sorento awarded the Top Safety Pick by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. The award is applicable to all 2011 Sorento models manufactured after March 2010. Visit www.iihs.org for full details. ^2011 Kia Sportage awarded Car of the Year by Motoring 2011 for Best SUV/CUV (under $40,000) and overall Car of the Year. Visit www.motoringhq.com for full details. °The Bluetooth® word mark and logo are registered trademarks and are owned by Bluetooth SIG, Inc. Some conditions apply to the $500 Grad Rebate Program and $750 Kia Mobility Program. See dealer for details. Information in this advertisement is believed to be accurate at the time of print. For more information on our 5-year warranty coverage, visit kia.ca or call us at 1-877-542-2886. Kia Canada is the official automotive sponsor of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD Canada). KIA and FlexChoice are trademarks of Kia Motors Corporation.